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Counting the cost of a winter wonderland

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THE extreme weather has left Milton Keynes counting the cost.

This newspaper understands that around 40 per cent of employees failed to get into work last week as the city came to a virtual standstill in the snow.

While Milton Keynes Council is set to foot a hefty bill as it attempts to clear up the mess the snow has left behind.

The head of MK's Chamber of Commerce Rita Spada said the weather has had a 'significant impact' on local industry, the worst she has seen in her career.

"It was the last thing that businesses needed at this point in time," she said.

"It is presenting a significant challenge. Every two out of five people were not able to get into the office according to anecdotal evidence from local businesses.

"We have still got to assess the full impact and businesses need to learn from it," said Mrs Spada.

"I was concerned by the lack of planning. The Chamber of Commerce will now look at supporting businesses to prepare for events like this going forward."

The retail industry also suffered, thecentre:mk reported a drop in customer footfall of 23 per cent.

Only a handful of schools remained open as more than 100 closed their doors on Thursday and Friday.

Public transport saw delays and cancellations while the city's police service advised drivers to stay at home due to the 'treacherous' conditions.

The council's crew of gritters and snow ploughs worked around the clock to keep roads clear, putting down an estimated 5,000 tonnes of salt.

A council spokesman confirmed it has been left with a bill for thousands of pounds to repair the potholes left in main roads caused by severe weather and regular gritting.

Council workers tackle the paths in Station Square as the big clean up begins

It is also playing catch up with a mountain of household rubbish still to collect.

Last week it was forced to cancel nearly all of the regular collections from houses. It now hopes it will be able to get back on a normal schedule and is deploying extra resources to help clear the backlog.

Social services, including home care and Meals on Wheels, were also disrupted. Overwhelmed staff released a statement yesterday calling on the public to put off calling on council care services for non-emergency issues.

Anne Loftman, adult social care access team manager said: "Our staff and partner agencies such as the PCT have performed fantastically in getting out to those in most need even if it meant walking through the snow to get there. This has inevitably meant that certain non-emergency tasks have been postponed and we ask the public to bear with us for the next few weeks when the services move back to normal."

Elsewhere the health industry was also hit. The hospital and health services asked patients to stay away during the worst of the weather unless there was an emergency or their appointment was urgent.

Milton Keynes Hospital has had to cancel a handful of outpatient sessions and elective operations.

Yesterday the hospital reported that admissions from trips and falls had increased by 10 per cent, while admissions from road accidents also increased.

As the snow melts the Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service has asked drivers to beware of any flooding. The council's senior emergency planning officer, Malcom Boscott said: "It was a difficult situation for us all because there is not a lot of experience dealing with the amount snow on the ground.

"We focused on it on a day-by-day basis.

"Everyone is talking about the salt situation but there's also the man power question and those resources come under a lot of pressure after a week-long event."

Mr Boscott also warned that as the snow melts, areas around the Great River Ouse and the River Ouzel, including Stony Stratford and Newport Pagnell, have been placed on flood alert.

He added: "The snowmelt has the potential to cause flooding.

"We will be prepared to respond as necessary, with police and fire services, and we will issue sand bags."

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Reprieve on city car parking rises

Two-stage rise on standard rate and delay on premium rate – talks to be held on scrapping free places and workplace charge

BY LAURA HANNAM
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MILTON Keynes Council is set to delay putting up the cost of city centre parking after protests from local businesses.

The price of standard rate parking will still increase from 25p to 35p per hour, but the rise will come in two phases of five pence, the first in May and the second delayed until July 2010.

Premium rate parking will go up by 20p in May, a month later than first planned, to coincide with the introduction of payment by mobile phone in these bays.

The changes have been proposed following meetings between Milton Keynes Council and representatives of the business, retail, and voluntary sector last week.

Plans to scrap free parking across the city centre and to introduce a workplace parking levy on businesses are still on the cards, but the council will consult the public before it decides.

Council leader Isobel McCall said the business representatives met last week are 'fully committeed' to the council's aim to improve bus services through higher parking charges, but raised concerns about the impact of introducing them during the recession.

"Phasing of the increase was a suggestion that came out of the discussions," she said.

The council plans to bring forward proposals to introduce payment by mobile phone options in premium bays.

It would mean drivers would not need to worry about having the right coins for a meter, they will get a text message reminder when their parking is about to run out and can top up without going back to their car.

Cllr McCall added: "Retail representatives were very enthusiastic about payment by mobile phone as it will particularly benefit shoppers and visitors to Central Milton Keynes.

"This is why we are proposing to defer all changes to parking charges until May, so that the benefit of the mobile phone technology in premium bays can be introduced at the same time."

The proposed charge increases are set to be discussed by the council's scrutiny panel today, after being 'called in' by more than 300 city residents and Conservative leader Andrew Geary.

Protestors want a full public consultation into all of the plans.

Hospice warns of £500,000 shortfall in income this year

A CITY hospice is forecasting a budget shortfall of more than half a million pounds this year.

Other charities across the city also predict a knock to their finances caused by the recession.

Willen Hospice, which provided care to over 400 terminally ill people last year, said the deficit is due to a reduction in income from several sources in the current difficult economic climate.

The hospice, which relies on donations to cover 75 per cent of its running costs, is appealing to the public to continue and if possible increase their support to stop the hospice from being forced to reduce its services.

Chief executive Paul Hinson said: "We realise this is a difficult time financially for everyone and all donations are appreciated, large or small.

"Local generosity has enabled the hospice to provide essential care in Milton Keynes for over 28 years. We know that with public support we can survive this difficult time and continue to play our part in the community."

The Milton Keynes Community Foundation, which provides grants to local charities and voluntary groups, has launched a 'Put your Heart into Milton Keynes' campaign this St Valentine's Day to call for people to raise £1 million for the city by 2011.

Julie Upton, chief executive of the foundation, said it is currently too early to see the full effects of the recession but more money will need to be raised in the coming months to meet the increase in demand on charities caused by people losing their jobs or struggling with finances.

"Many people are turning to local charities for support, such as from the Food Bank and from the Citizen's Advice Bureau for debt advice or what to do about their mortgages," she said.

Christian aid organisation World Vision, based in Fox Milne, has reported an increase in regular giving and other donations in the last financial year, which ended in October.

However, the charity is predicting a two to five per cent decrease in total income, 80 per cent of which comes from donations, next year based on recent financial results.

Kate Nicholas, director of communications, said: "We have seen an increase of nearly five per cent in child sponsorship income which we are very grateful for.

"The main area we have seen the squeeze, in common with other charities, is legacies and one-off larger donations."

Justice Minster David Hanson with Daniel Phillips at B&Q Rooksley

Minister's DIY store visit to help fight knife crime

A GOVERNMENT minister has been to a city DIY store to see how retailers are driving down knife crime.

Yesterday David Hanson, from the Ministry of Justice, visited B&Q in Rooksley, which sells an array of blades, from wallpaper scrapers to Stanley knives, saws and axes.

Milton Keynes is in one of Buckinghamshire's ten areas benefiting from £3.4 million, part of the Tackling Knives Action Programme.

Mr Hanson's visit comes after 53 people were found with offensive weapons between April and October 2008 in Milton Keynes following 4,356 stop and searches.

Of those, 13 were under the age of 18.

The latest part of the action programme sees retailers such as B&Q, Tesco, Asda, Aldi, BHS and Amazon committing to training staff on the sale of knives, minimising the risk of theft and ensuring they are not sold to under 18s.

Mr Hanson said: "The work here at point of sale is very important, especially in a store like B&Q where people can buy Stanley knives and axes. There is still a large number of people getting knives from stores and supermarkets."

Darren Phillips, senior service manager, said that his team have been aware of children trying to buy blades but realise the important part they play in clamping down on knife crime.

Streets of shame

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE
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RESIDENTS in scores of streets have been without council services for years, some for more than a decade, because their roads remain private.

Last week MK NEWS revealed that many council taxpayers are not entitled to basic amenities, such as having street lights, potholes and signs fixed or green spaces maintained, because their streets are yet to be transferred from developers to the council in a process known as 'adoption'.

Now a list reveals the extent of the backlog, with 79 'sites', each of which may include several streets, being unadopted.

Even though the council's target is to get them under council control two years after building is completed, overdue adoption is affecting residents all over the city - in Emerson Valley, Grange Farm, Downhead Park, Heelands, Olney, Castlethorpe, Willen Park and Tattenhoe. Some of these were due to be completed as far back as 1997.

The council blames the massive delays on issues with insurers, developers and utility companies.

> City council tax payers furious at the backlog of unadopted roads some of which have been waiting almost ten years

For example, streets in Old Farm Park, Furzton and Shenley Lodge have sewage problems which mean the council will not adopt the road.

Oxley Park resident Simon Dodson knows the cost of living on an unadopted road, having moved to Matthau Lane nearly two years ago.

His car suffered £200 damage in December after he hit a protruding manhole cover, a feature which characterises unadopted roads because tarmac is often yet to be laid.

He said: "It damaged the sump and my car was off the road for two days. But still it hasn't been changed."

For seven years Bletchley resident George Manley has been waiting for his street to be adopted. A year ago he obtained a list under the Freedom of Information Act of the 99 sites then awaiting adoption and was outraged he is one of hundreds of people paying council tax but not getting council services.

He said: "They're doing this over the whole city, taking an enormous amount of money in council tax but not giving us the services we are paying for. And as the city expands it will get worse."

A council spokesman said: "We are constantly actively chasing developers on all roads that are more than two years past their adoption date.

"In some of the older cases we have called in the insurance bond but that process can still take many years to resolve with the insurance companies. The adoption process is further complicated by the fact that some developers are no longer trading and some cases have drainage problems that involves utility companies."

Town council forces Wolverton Tesco delay

MILTON Keynes Council has deferred its decision on plans to double the size of Tesco's supermarket in Wolverton.

The council's development control committee received calls from the town's council for a more up-to-date assessment on how the bigger store would affect local shops in light of the recession.

Solicitors acting on behalf of Wolverton and Greenleys Town Council warned that if this and a more detailed highways study was not carried out it would be prepared to battle the decision in court through judicial review.

MK Council deferred the decision to give time for this work and other research to be carried out and will bring the plans back to the committee by May.

Tesco hopes to replace the existing store with a new shop built on stilts bringing it up to the same level as the shops on Stratford Road, providing 250 new jobs.

The new store would be bigger than Tesco's in Kingston and a similar size to Asda in Bletchley.

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In a spin over tax

SIR – I have lived in Nottingham Grove, Blechley, since 2002 and no roads are adopted.

Over the last two days I have watched numerous cars spin into the pavements and gardens due to compacted snow on the roads, but when calling the council I was told they were not their responsibility.

Why should houses in non-adopted roads pay the same level of council tax?

We are not getting the same level of service.

And why is no one responsible for liaising with the builders to ensure adoption is carried out within 18 months of completion?

If it fails due to the area not meeting pre-agreed measures then the contractors are fined and the fines will then pay for the roads to be brought up to standard.

Mrs Simpson
Sent by e-mail

■ SIR – My area of Monmouth Grove in Kingsmead has been completed for over eight years and has still not been adopted by the council.

I suspect that the council is dragging its heels because the longer it takes, the more money they save on maintenance.

To my knowledge the streets have never been swept and the grass verges mowed.

Don't blame the developers because they will let the matter drift on until pushed, while I still have to pay my full council tax.

A simple solution is not to give any planning permission to a developer until outstanding adoptions have been completed.

Dennis Turner
Sent by e-mail

■ SIR – I have lived on Challacombe, Furzton for almost six years and believe the house was built over twenty years ago.

The access driveway to the car-parking areas was gravelled.

However over the years a puddle has developed which is now ten feet wide.

The gravel does nothing to prevent the driveway from being constantly wet and muddy.

When asked if and when it would be made good Milton Keynes Council's reply was that it was a private road.

It has never been made clear that we may be responsible for construction and maintenance of the driveway.

Other driveways off Challacombe have a concrete-blocked surface.

Mr K Golson
Sent by e-mail

Credit to co-operatives

SIR – The recent visit to Milton Keynes Credit Union by Minister Kitty Ussher MP highlights the important role that the mutual and co-operative sector can play in helping the city through the current economic downturn.

A lot of media coverage rightly focuses on the reckless behaviour of the banks and other big corporations, so it was pleasing to see positive coverage about one of our own co-operative ventures.

In Milton Keynes we are lucky to have a strong mutual sector with housing, financial, retail and consumer co-operatives, and at least one worker's co-operative also serving the interests of their members alongside the more familiar sight of the local Co-operative store.

If anyone is interested in the local co-operative movement or developing the ideas further they can contact me on 01908 640097

George Conchi
Sent by e-mail

Too many estate roads are waiting for adoption

SIR – It was very concerning reading your story on the front page today of unadopted roads.

I assumed this only affected a small area – Grange Farm and Oakhill.

We've lived in Oakhill since 2004, and I was amazed to find out that the roads still hadn't been adopted by the council.

We had street lights constantly flickering or on for ten minutes and off for the same. We ended up buying blackout blinds for the whole of the front of our house because the children couldn't sleep.

When I rang the council I was told I would have to ring the developer, which started an 18-month battle with Careys.

After being put through to a whole lot of different people I finally found the person I needed to speak to – I left 40 different messages but not once did I get a call back.

The street light directly in front of our house was finally fixedbut all of the others I reported still have the same problems.

Apart from the street lights, there are still roads in Grange Farm unfinished and they have been like that since before we moved in.

We still pay our full amount of council tax, very strange.

Katie Watkins
Sent by e-mail

Uni is forward thinking

SIR – Re Paul Bartlett's January 28 letter 'A local university for underachievers'.

It is very disappointing that the youth of our city are branded underachievers.

The comments do little to encourage them to do better.

The creation of a university centre in MK and the vision for a full university are just the sort of forward thinking that is essential for our young students to aspire to.

The opening of this superb facility is a major milestone in achieving the aims for both students and business.

Experience has shown elsewhere that in attempting to achieve the Government's objective on widening participation there is growing evidence that such students do not necessarily wish to travel any great distance to learn.

This is not surprising as they are likely to be the first of a generation of a family to attend university.

It is a big step for them to undertake and while we can agree that being away from home can be character building we have to acknowledge that what has happened in the past may not be an appropriate solution for the present.

I would like to see the clear evidence referred to by Mr Bartlett that the universities of Beds, Herts and Northampton are underachievers as a result of their efforts to attract local students, indeed quite the opposite.

We have a duty to provide opportunity to all not just the most academically able.

Business requires a better prepared workforce and the more choice of varying competencies is a positive step in achieving this.

Philip H Smith
Chairman, MK Business Leaders Partnership Ltd
Main Street, Padbury

Bigger Tesco not better

SIR – Re: the proposed re-build of Tesco in Wolverton.

I was horrified when I read that it is going to be bigger than the one in Kingston. Why?

The one in Kingston serves all the new estates in that area. Where are the new estates around Wolverton?

If it does go ahead, I will no longer use it although it is local to where I live in Blue Bridge.

I very rarely visit the one in Kingston, as I find it far too big to walk round, and trying to find things is a nightmare. Also, finding a parking space is extremely difficult. The same applies to Asda which I rarely visit for the same reasons.

So if this proposal does go ahead, I will travel to Morrisons in Westcroft, which is a far more sensible size.

Pam Downing
Sent by e-mail

■ SIR – The fundamental issue that is being overlooked by MK Council regarding the Tesco application is that there is no up-to-date information on the impact that the store expansion will have on local businesses.

So the decision makers cannot truly understand whether the remaining retail businesses in Wolverton will survive the expansion or not.

If a decision is made, it will be based on incomplete evidence.

Wolverton's independent retailers are having a hard enough time anyway – a bigger Tesco will just be the final nail in the coffin.

Jamie Chalmers
Sent by e-mail

Meningitis awareness

SIR – Everyone here at Meningitis UK was so sorry to hear about Michael Ogunji and would like to pass on our deepest sympathies to all his family and friends.

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Philippa Walker
Sent by e-mail

■ SIR – I was extremely saddened to read about the tragic death of Michael after falling ill with meningitis. Our thoughts are with Michael's family at this time.

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Jo Kennedy
Meningitis Trust community development officer

Memories of Sandra

SIR – As a former member of the Andrews family I was absolutley shocked at the tragic murder of Sandra.

She and I were good friends. She was a gentle person and was always on hand with advice. I have many wonderful memories of her.

God bless you Sandra, rest in peace sweetheart.

Lynne Jamison (formerly Andrews)
Sent by e-mail

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Children from Loughton Manor First School

We asked MK residents on our website last week to send in their pictures of the city under snow. Lots of you responded. Here are a selection of your pictures

Lydia, Dave and Lewis Ricketts from Friary Gardens, Newport Pagnell

LAURA COPE: Jolly white giant snowman in Newton Longville

Above – PAUL GIBBS: Oriane Di Marco, Nick John, Simon and Katie Bannister

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Economic crisis no time to raise parking charges

SIR – Why on earth has the council decided to tax the motorist again by putting up the parking fees and taking away the few free spaces we have left at a time when most people are suffering in this economic crisis?

When pay parking came in we were told it was to pay for the upkeep of the roads, that's a laugh.

Have councillors been around the city lately and looked at all the potholes on the grid roads and the roundabouts, not to mention some of the roads around the estates?

I say no to taking away free parking and paying extra fees to fund buses.

We, the motorists, are taxed enough. The extra money the council is getting from the Government (£3.9m) should be used instead.

Renee Timlin
Sent by e-mail

Buses are best...

SIR – Your correspondent Mr Jonathan Ridgway's comments on buses seemed both inaccurate and ill informed.

Ridership has increased by 50 per cent in recent years.

Frequencies on the busiest routes are up to one every 10 minutes ,the newer buses are in excellent condition-generally clean, comfortable and well appointed.

MK Metro has invested a large amount of money to achieve this and I hope will continue to do so.

Pensioners can use all buses free of charge after 9.30 am and the X5 to Buckingham, Bicester and Oxford or to Bedford and Cambridge on the same terms,and with a half-hourly interval during the most popular hours of travel.

Also in Great Linford for example (and this service goes through to Wolverton) the frequency of the 7 route has just increased from every 30 minutes to every 20.

When the Lib-Dem administration took over from Labour in 2002 it increased the public transport budget so that early evening bus frequencies improved from one per hour to every thirty minutes, new and extra services were added to outlying villages and, although the council agreed to the daft idea of a permanent diversion of buses around the Midsummer Place shopping centre development I believe that, overall, bus services have greatly improved.

MK Metro's bus drivers also deserve credit – most seem both friendly and tolerant.

Alan Pugh
Linden Grove, Great Linford

... no they're not

SIR – Thank goodness we don't use a bus.

Today, thursday with child in tow (school closed) we inched out of our road and in to the town centre where we went and opened up an office as usual.

Those reliant on buses never arrived.

We carried on as usual, albeit slowly.

Paying more to park would not be so laughable if there were buses to use.

First sign of 'weather' and they all stop

Long live the car.

Amanda Caukwell
Townsend Grove

Council's hedge fund

SIR – I am curious to know why MK Council can methodically and routinely butcher our hedgerows every Spring and Summer leaving branches dangling in the air (reminiscent of an attack by vandals) yet doesn't see fit to salt and grit our estate roads when they are rendered dangerous some winters?

Perhaps a re-allocation of the budget from one to another is in order?

Alan Freeman
Sent by e-mail

Pensioners' plight

SIR – The people of Iceland donated thousands of jumpers, socks and scarves to British pensioners after a radio report said 23,300 pensioners died from cold-related illnesses between December 2007 and the following March.

Every winter thousands of pensioners die because of low income,malnutrition and bad housing.

Year on year pensioner associations have lobbied members of Parliament asking for the state pension to be linked to the average wage or prices whichever the greater.

Promises are given that in 2010, if affordable, pensions will be linked.

For years we have seen the crocodile tears flow from politicians who claim they care but are unwilling to bring themselves to sign an early day motion that calls for legislation in ending the deaths of so many old people.

It's a shame on this country of ours that we have to have people from another country send clothing to our pensioners.

We have read in the newspapers and seen on television the behaviour of politicians in both Houses of Parliament spending their time with their snouts in the trough seeking easy money, looking for promotion and cherry picking popular issues to impress their constituents but making sure that they don't jeopardise the chance of higher office.

It is those politicians who support pensioners and campaign for them that are the ones that pensioners honour and respect but as for the others we say you bring shame on our country.

Dennis Brett
Minton Close, Blakelands

Slippery slope

SIR – May I through your newspaper, pass on my grateful thanks to the kind pedestrians who helped me push my car up a hill on Buckingham Road in Bletchley early on Thursday morning?

I got stuck on an icy patch and, without their assistance, I would have been there for some time.

I am afraid that I didn't get a chance to note their names and addresses to thank them in person, but their help was very much appreciated.

Iain Stewart
Conservative Parliamentary Candidate, Milton Keynes South

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Swing to 40s music

STEP back in time to the 1940s at Xscape.

From Saturday to February 22 between 12-6pm each day there will be free live entertainment in a 1940s style theatre.

Highlights include on Saturday, 'Tom Rust presents The Ratpack', live swing music throughout St Valentine's Day, on Sunday, Diamond Theatre School present Magic of the Musicals while on Wednesday Spongebob Squarepants is live on stage – direct from Milton Keynes Theatre.

There will also be workshops, competitions and classic movie screenings throughout the week.

Girl attcked on bus

A TEENAGER was attacked and robbed on a city bus.

The 17-year-old girl and her friend were travelling on the number eight service, which stops at John Lewis in the city centre, on Wednesday.

During the journey two other girls got on the bus and started verbally abusing the girl and her friend.

As the bus approached Lambs Lane, Wavendon Gate, one of the offenders assaulted the victim and got off the bus with her bag.

On Monday police launched an appeal for witnesses.

The incident happened at 5.50pm and there were about 20 other people on the bus at the time.

Anyone who was on the bus or who has information can contact PC Tyrrell Levitt on 08458 505505 or call Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555111.

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Cracking response to park-saving question

City council tax payers vote for cash to go to Bletchley code-breaking centre

BY ROB GIBSON
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Mave Batey, who worked at Bletchley Park during the war, chats to Prince Charles and trust boss Simon Greenish during a royal visit in July last year

BLETCHLEY Park is a step closer to being restored after taxpayers declared their support for council investment in the historical site.

As part of Milton Keynes Council's budget consultation for 2009/10, a survey asked the public to vote over whether it should contribute £60,000 to Bletchley Park over the next two years.

Initial results show that the 367 people responded to the survey and 267 voted in support of the contribution.

Sixty-five people opposed the investment and 35 said they did not know.

As previously revealed by this newspaper, the historical buildings and Second World War museum are in desperate need of refurbishment after the code breaking huts began to decay.

The Mansion roof has now been repaired thanks to funding from English Heritage, which has also tabled £300,000 for further repairs.

The council's money is needed to partly match the support from English Heritage.

Bletchley Park Trust Director, Simon Greenish, described the contribution as "a huge part" of getting the site regenerated.

Mr Greenish said: "I would like to thank those people who have supported us.

"It's great that we've seen the people of Milton Keynes put pen to paper on this."

A council spokesperson said: "The survey results discussed at the Environment Policy Development Committee meeting were only a snapshot of the consultation's results, and are not final results."

Churchill's codebreakers were housed in the huts at Bletchley Park to break German naval codes during the war.

An appeal in this newspaper has helped to raise £2,500 of donations from city residents and a petition to save Bletchley Park broke into the top ten on the Downing Street website.

The Trust is now applying to the Lottery Hedge Fund, showcasing its £10 million master plan which details a major restructuring project to create an easier visitor experience.

Meningitis cases double in a year

CONFIRMED cases of meningitis have doubled in a year.

The Health Protection Agency (HPA) has said that the number of infections in Milton Keynes rose from six in 2007 to 12 in 2008. There was one case in 2006.

The agency is urging people to be vigilant, especially in the winter period, when infections increase.

The warning comes after MK NEWS marked the memorial service for nine-year-old Michael Ogunji, the MK Special Dons footballer and Slated Row School pupil, who died last month after contracting the disease.

The HPA says infections can occur at any age, though most cases are recorded in children under four years old. Teenagers up to the age of 19 are the next most vulnerable group. Symptoms may include a rash that does not fade when pressed with a glass, sudden onset of high fever, a severe and worsening headache, severe neck stiffness and dislike of bright lights.

Alyson Smith, consultant in health protection, said that meningitis is often mistaken for flu or other diseases.

"We would urge people everywhere, especially parents of young children, to be aware of early symptoms which include fever, vomiting and lethargy. Anyone worried by a feverish illness should seek medical advice."

The Meningitis Trust has a 24-hour nurse-led helpline: 0800 028 1828.

Builder who died on redway 'a good bloke'

THE family of a man who was found dead in the snow on a city redway has paid tribute to him.

Sixty-one-year-old Keith James Murray, from Transland Brigg, Heelands, was discovered on the redway leading to the overbridge between Heelands shops and Bradwell at 6pm on Wednesday, February 4.

An inquest, opened yesterday, heard Mr Murray was last seen by his wife at around 11am when he left to walk to the city centre.

He suffered from a stroke four years ago.

A postmortem has been carried out but the inquest was adjourned to await further test results.

Police launched an investigation to rule out suspicious circumstances.

Mr Butcher,lived in Milton Keynes since the 70s, worked as a builder until his health deteriorated after the stroke.

He had three children, four grandchildren and a great grandchild on the way.

His wife, Sandra, told MK NEWS: "He was humorous and comical.

"He was a good bloke, he loved his kids and his family.

"Everyone has a funny story to tell about him."

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Pirate Jack's back from Timbuktu trip

Dan Murphy (Thor) and Andy Rogers (Captain Jack Sparrow) ready for the Timbuktu charity trip

A CITY superhero braved sandstorms and camels to complete a 4,000 mile trip for charity.

Dan Murphy, dressed up as Thor and Andy Rogers as Captain Jack Sparrow aimed to travel across two continents, in a Jeep Cherokee which cost less than £100.

Unfortunately for Dan his trip was cut short when he slipped on some snow in Andorra on one of the stopovers and snapped his cruciate ligament.

But Andy, a technical services manager for thecentre:mk was able to battle on and returned triumphant from Africa after donating his beloved Jeep to the local community and raising nearly £15,000 for charity.

The pair were taking part in a rally to Timbuktu to raise money for MK Young Carers.

Of the 22 cars which started the challenge, only with only a handful survived the entire journey with 'the centre for serious heroes' being amont them.

"Everyone is incredibly proud of Andy and what he has achieved,said Dan, operations manager for thecentre:mk. "The Plymouth-Timbuktu challenge is an incredibly difficult event, trying to do the journey in a normal 4x4 would be a challenge, but doing it in a car costing less than £100 proved a really tall order.

"As well as the expected mechanical issues, Andy also had to deal with rogue camels and a thee-day sandstorm in the middle of the Sahara desert."

MK Young Carers aims to provide free, confidential, support and information to Carers under the age of 16 in the Milton Keynes area.

Hilda Kirkwood, Manager of MK Young Carers said: "Challenges like this not only bring in much needed funds to MK Young Carers but raise awareness of the work undertaken by young carers and the extra pressures these children are under.

"We're delighted and thrilled at what Andy has done. His hard work and sacrifice will mean some of the neediest young carers in Milton Keynes will receive an awe-inspiring trip of a lifetime."

Curfew for man caught with bloody bread knife

A 20-YEAR-OLD man was caught wandering along a city street holding a bloody bread knife, a court has heard.

Kayne Houchin, of St George's Way, Wolverton, was spotted by police on CCTV cameras, walking along Radcliffe Street with the knife in his hand.

On Friday, January 30, he appeared before magistrates in Milton Keynes, charged with having a knife in a public place without good reason or lawful authority.

Tristan Driscoll, prosecuting, told the court that on December 5 last year, police received reports of Houchin carrying a bread knife outside The Queen Victoria pub in Wolverton.

Police arrested him and a search uncovered a small quantity of cocaine in his tracksuit trousers, for which he was also charged.

Mr Driscoll told the court: "He said he couldn't really remember what happened because he was drinking but he remembered picking up the bread knife in the kitchen of the Queen Victoria pub.

"CCTV showed him walking down the street holding it in his right hand.

"The officer did put to him that there was blood on it and he told them it was his blood and he had cut himself while handling it."

Houchin pleaded guilty to both charges at the earliest opportunity.

His solicitor, Gemma Stokes, said: "He had been out with his friends, drinking all day.

"He doesn't know what possessed him."

Chairman of the magistrates, Barry Ifould, handed Houchin a suspended sentence of four weeks at a detention centre, suspended for 12 months.

Houchin was placed under a supervision order for a year and a curfew order for 12 weeks which means he must stay at home between 7pm and 7am. He was also ordered to complete 70 hours of unpaid work and pay costs of £60.

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Snow stops play at Xscape

The Xscape building, famous for its real indoor ski slope, had to be cordoned off at the weekend because large lumps of snow and ice were falling off its sloping roof.

The area stretched right back through the car park,

An Xscape spokesman said: "We closed the side doors of the building just for health and safety reasons."

Nobody was injured.

Think FAST for stroke signs

A GRADUAL reduction in death rates from stroke has been reported in Milton Keynes, but the local health service is asking people to look our for early warning signs.

As part of a Government campaign launched this week MK health chiefs are asking local people to think 'FAST', which stands for Face, Arm, Speech, Time to call 999.

The things to look out for are facial weakness, arm weakness, and speech problems.

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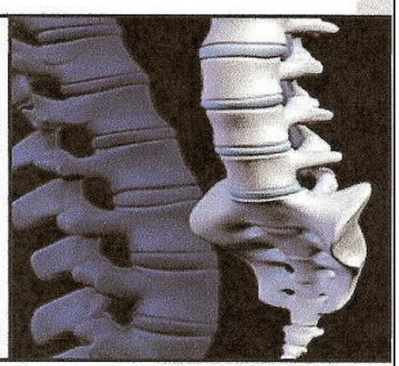

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Shopper turns down offer after finding a dead mouse in her 'medium bodied' bottle of wine

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE
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A WOMAN who vowed she would never set foot in a city supermarket again after finding a mouse in her wine has been compensated – with store vouchers.

In August mother-of-three Katie Watkins, from Langport Crescent in Oakhill, found a mouse in a bottle of wine, after drinking its contents.

The £3.19 Rioja from the Netto in Shenley Church End was consumed over two nights between Mrs Watkins and a friend.

Although she thought'there was a different taste to it, she emptied the finally contents into her glass and heard a 'plop' – a dead mouse.

Pickled: The dead mouse in the bottom of a bottle of Rioja bought from Netto by Katie Watkins

At the time Netto launched an investigation into how a mouse had been able to grow in the bottle of wine, described as 'medium bodied' on the label.

Now it has given her £50 of store vouchers which she insists is an insult.

She said: "It's ridiculous. Why would I want vouchers for Netto – I will never set foot in there again.

"They sent me a letter admitting liability and claiming improvement to their quality procedure, with vouchers as a gesture of goodwill. They are just sitting in the envelope and I have no intention of using them."

Katie, who was repeatedly sick and had to have medical tests after drinking the mouse-flavoured wine, added: "I'm still wary about drinking things without checking what's at the bottom."

A Netto spokesman said: "We contacted Mrs Watkins back in August 2008 at which point we launched, alongside our suppliers, a thorough investigation into how the incident could have occurred.

"Following this investigation, which concluded in October 2008, we insisted that our suppliers improve their quality control procedures with immediate effect, both at the production site and the site where the wine is bottled, to ensure this is not repeated."

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FREE fitness classes are on offer as a new personal training service aims to play its part in the Government's latest health campaign.

In a selfless bid to inspire city residents to get into shape, Milton Keynes personal training service, HealthPro, is offering its new Fatbusters classes free of charge.

The studio, based at Milton Keynes Business Centre, Linford Wood East, has opened its doors to anyone, regardless of their weight, height, fitness level and age.

The scheme has already gained support from Mark Lancaster, MP for North East Milton Keynes, who will visit the studio on Friday.

The classes aim to support the Government's new 'Change4Life' campaign and there is no limit to the number of free classes you can attend.

HealthPro trainer and co-owner Kriss Tottman said: "It may sound too good to be true but it's not.

"As health practitioners we feel responsible for encouraging people to improve their well-being.

"This is our time and our money that we're investing to help people and help spread the Government's initiative to get today's and future generations of Britain into shape.

"We're sort of the Jamie Oliver of the fitness industry and want our actions to encourage others to do the same.

"The classes are both free and flexible so there is no excuse not to turn up, plus they are great fun."

Attendees will be trained by two of the city's most experienced and recognised fitness professionals, who can also give advice on diet, health and lifestyle.

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MK NEWS reporter Rob Gibson gets instructions from Kriss Tottman

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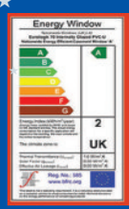

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Builders face bleak future

BUILDING contractors are seeing a gaping hole in their future workload according to research by a construction consultant.

A market forecast by Davis Langdon, based in Avebury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, has revealed that the outlook for the industry is bleak as private sector construction grinds to a halt.

Its research shows that construction prices have dropped by 7.5 per cent in the last quarter, which is more than was expected for the whole of 2009.

Public sector non-housing and infrastructure are the only two sectors expected to generate any growth over the next two years.

Tender prices are forecast to fall by 5 to 8 per cent over the coming year, with a fall in the South East of 6 per cent.

Davis Langdon predicts that tender prices will not bottom out until 2011, with a 12 per cent reduction in the volume of construction forecast by the end of 2010.

Death crash victim named

AN 89-year-old woman who died in hospital after being hit by a car in Olney has been named.

Mary Elizabeth Adams, from Hipwell Court, Olney, was involved in a collision with a silver Peugeot 306 on Bridge Street at around 11.35am on Sunday, February 1.

She was airlifted to John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford where she died a short while later.

Police would like to speak to anyone who witnessed the collision or who may have any other information in relation to the incident.

Call Sgt Keith Lavery or PC Mark McKeown on 0845 8 505 505 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Medical centre plans in again

PLANS to build a two-storey medical centre in Bletchley have been resubmitted to the council.

The city's Primary Care Trust (PCT) hopes to build a doctor's surgery, dental practice and pharmacy on the site of Tweed House Nursing Home, in Witham Court, which closed in July.

The proposals were refused by Milton Keynes Council in October due to concerns they would be too big and out of character with the surrounding area.

A revised planning application has now been submitted.

The medical centre would provide a new building for Whaddon House surgery.

The development would also include three flats, reduced by one from the previous application, and four houses.

A petition against the first application, signed by 56 residents, raised concerns that the increase in traffic could create an accident black spot.

A spokesman for the PCT said: "The design team have worked very productively with Milton Keynes Council to address any concerns that have been raised during the development process and firmly believe that this is the best solution."

Wildlife probe puts flood works back

BY LAURA HANNAM
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MAJOR work to stop flash floods hitting Stoke Goldington again has been delayed as an environmental study is carried out.

Milton Keynes Council has commissioned a consultant to investigate the impact the construction of balancing lakes and bunds, or 'mini-dams', would have on wildlife.

Cllr Sam Potts, who represents the Stoke Goldington ward, said the Enviroment Agency (EA) has delayed the plans by requesting this study, which will take up to five weeks.

The EA said the investigation should have been carried out by the council before the application for the flood prevention measures was submitted to them.

Meanwhile three famiies are still not back in their homes after they were damaged by two deluges on the village in June and July 2007.

Since a £30,000 report was completed by the council in October 2007 only cleaning, minor realignment of ditches and small-scale measures to channel water away have been completed.

Last April the cabinet agreed to spend £150,000 within a year on the report's high priority recommendations of building a series of mini-dams and improving drainage.

Above: A resident looks on as flood waters hit Stoke Goldington High Street for the second time in four weeks in 2007. Right: Firefighters wade through the water

A spokesman confirmed that the EA has requested an environmental statement and the contruction is now due to start in early April.

Meanwhile the council will be concentrating on peripheral works including improving the main watercourse from the High Street Eastwards out of the village, upgrading drains and providing extra road gulleys in Westside Road.

Biking PCSO nabs hoax 999 caller

A MAN was arrested after making a hoax 999 phone call saying he had been stabbed.

The call was made from a telephone kiosk in Midsummer Boulevard but the man claimed he had been stabbed outside McDonald's near the National Hockey Stadium.

Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) Nick Osgood and Emily Plummer established that there were no telephone kiosks near the hockey stadium and it was more likely to be near McDonald's in the shopping centre.

A member of the public pointed out a man walking off with two others and told police they had made the call.

The three offenders ran off, chased by the two officers towards Xscape.

PCSO Osgood, listening to the pursuit on the radio, grabbed his bicycle and managed to catch up with the offenders and detain them until the officers arrived.

One man was arrested for causing a public nuisance, but was released by police without charge.

Inspector Colleen Lavery said: "This was a great example of PCSOs and police officers working together to make a good arrest.

"PCSO Osgood showed great initiative in grabbing his bike.

"Although on this occasion no one was charged, we take hoax calls very seriously and will arrest anyone wasting police time."

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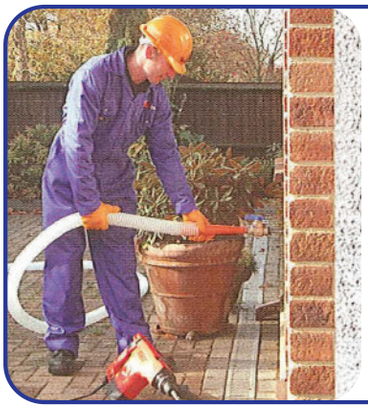

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£200m spent but rail user are still unhappy

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE
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DESPITE two years' work and £200million of improvements, rail services to and from Milton Keynes are still poor.

That is according to the city's Rail Users' Group, which says that passengers have had problems since the new high frequency timetable was introduced on December 14.

Between September and October punctuality, which is defined as trains being less than 15 minutes late, stood at 89.4 per cent. By December to January, when the new timetable was introduced, it had dropped to 78.8 per cent.

The group does however praise the improved infrastructure, which includes platform one being extended by 60 metres to allow for 12-carriage trains, and a new platform six.

As a result, the group is launching a 'campaign for real rail' starting with asking train operator London Midland to rectify staff shortages, on which many of the recent cancellations have been blamed.

It says on Sunday, January 18, a succession of trains from London Euston to Milton Keynes were cancelled.

Of 16 services, 11 were cancelled and four terminated early 'due to a member of train crew being unavailable'.

The other cancellation was attributed to signal failures.

London Midland says this was just a bad day but regular commuters disagree.

Regular commuter, Cllr Edward Butler-Ellis, said: "MK commuters are hit with a double-whammy of misfortune, firstly the exorbitant parking charges imposed by the Lib Dems and then to put up with a sub-standard, intermittent train service, which is horrendously expensive."

A spokesman for London Midland said: "Performance has improved in the last three weeks. It dipped due to chronic infrastructure problems. We haven't got a shortage of drivers and the fact that performance is improving shows that."

Minister reveals bail house post code

THE first open bail house to be set up in Milton Keynes is in MK14.

The post code covers Gifford Park, Blakelands, Stantonbury West, Neath Hill, Conniburrow, Downs Barn and Great Linford.

These private homes, established in residential areas without consultation with the public, are for defendants released on bail and offenders released from prison on 'home detention curfew'.

Unlike bail hostels, of which there is one in the city, bail houses are not patrolled and are only visited by staff from the company that runs them, ClearSprings.

Last week we revealed that the Ministry of Justice is planning a further bail home in Milton Keynes after the first was opened in August last year.

The Minister for Justice, Jack Straw MP, revealed in the House of Commons the postcode locations of existing bail houses across the country.

One mother contacted MK NEWS after finding out that the house is in her area.

She said: "We don't want them here. I don't think anybody's safe. I've got children to think about. Why don't they put them in a rural area away from everyone else? The authorities should tell us what is going on. It's just not right."

The Ministry of Justice would not tell us exactly where the existing house is nor where the second is to be built.

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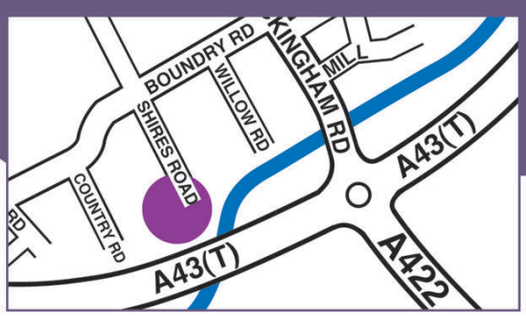

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'Incredible': Lauryn White from Bletchley meets the princesses at Disneyland

'Magic' as Lauryn meets Cinderella

BY LAURA HANNAM
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A GIRL who suffers from cystic fibrosis has been taken to Disneyland to meet her favourite princess.

Eight-year-old Lauryn White, from Bletchley, had an exclusive meeting with Cinderella and other Disney princesses organised by a children's charity.

Starlight Children's Foundation acts as a 'fairy godmother' and grants a once-in-a-lifetime wish for seriously and terminally ill children to make their dreams come true.

When Lauryn was 11 months old she was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, a condition which affects her breathing and digestion and for which she undergoes daily medication and physiotherapy.

Starlight arranged for Lauryn and her family, including her three-year-old sister Loucie, to visit all the princesses in Disneyland Paris in January

Her mum, Julie, said: "It was, in Lauryn's words, 'incredible'.

"Everyone had an amazing time. "I wish you could have seen Lauryn's face when she met the princesses it was just so magical and has made her feel so much more positive about her illness."

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Mood music at RSPCA's cat 'speed-dating' day

LONELY cats will be hoping that someone falls in love with them this St Valentine's Day as the RSPCA hosts a feline 'speed-dating' service.

On Monday the Milton Keynes and North Bucks RSPCA cattery, based at Newport Pagnell, announced that it will hold a speed dating weekend on February 14 and 15 to help find that perfect puss.

A statement from the RSCPA said: "Volunteers will be hosting special 'speed dates' with the centre's cats and, to add to the ambience, there will be romantic music and some subdued lighting."

Examples of the feline lonely hearts include:

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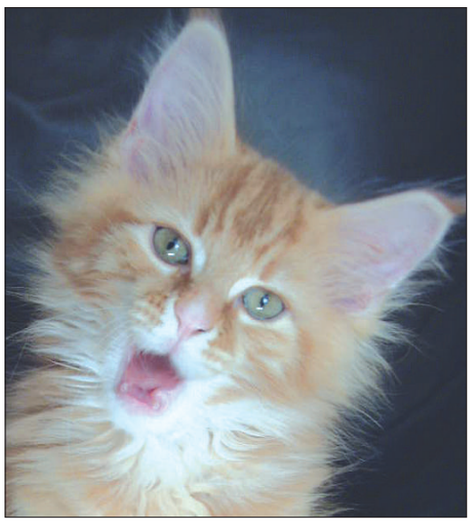
■ Black and white female, one year old, playful and enjoys adventures. WLTM a family with similar interests.

■ Black male, eight years old, stray, used to living alone. WLTM a single person or couple who enjoy quiet nights in.

Vivienne Dalton, RSPCA Cattery co-ordinator, said: "We all know that pets can provide truly special relationships – so what better event than St Valentine's Day for some of our loving, beautiful but homeless cats to find their perfect owners?

"Wehope that this novel approach will result in many of our cats going to warm, loving homes."



Romantic music and subdued lighting will add to the ambience at North Bucks RSPCA cattery 'speed-dating sessions

Visitors will also be entered into a prize draw with the chance to win a bottle of champagne.

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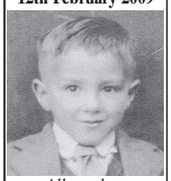

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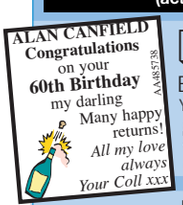

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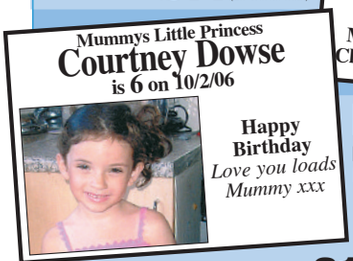

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Council Team Gives Families the Know-How

Milton Keynes Council's Families Information Service is heading for the city centre this week with their one-stop-shop for information about anything to do with children and families.

The team will be at the Tots to Teens event in Middleton Hall between Thursday (12 February) and Sunday (15 February).

The Families Information Service is a totally free service that provides impartial and up to date information on childcare and family support, from where your nearest youth club is, to paternity entitlements.

You can call the Families Information Service on freephone 0800 035 0335

Manager Colin Cunningham said: "Looking after children is one of the most challenging, yet rewarding roles going. A little help can go a long way so we're here to help make life a bit easier for people. We really can help with anything from giving information on childcare to finding the nearest tae-kwon-do club for teenagers. And if we don't know right away, we'll find out. We're looking forward to meeting as many people as possible at the event this week but if they can't make it, we're only a phone call away."

Email: Childcare@milton-keynes.gov.uk or log on to www.childcarelink.gov.uk/miltonkeynes

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To find out more, visit our stand at Middleton Hall between 12 and 15 February.

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– and run for office in Milton Keynes Council's Youth Cabinet

MK Council's Youth cabinet: Idris Allan, Leo Montague, Steph Abbey-Phillips and Alex Price with nomination papers

FANCY yourself as budding politician – now is the time to run for office.

Youngsters aged 13-19 are being invited to nominate themselves for election to the Youth Cabinet and the UK Youth Parliament.

Supported by Milton Keynes Youth Service, the Youth Cabinet meets twice a month and helps organise campaigns, is involved in a number of consultations on important issues in Milton Keynes and meets and influences decision makers in the council to help make the lives of young people in Milton Keynes better.

The UK Youth Parliament is 500 young people from across the UK, giving young people a voice nationally about issues that affect them.

Milton Keynes, for the first time, has opportunities for four Youth Parliament representatives – two members and two deputy members .

The four young people with the most votes will be elected and, with the support of the Youth Service will represent 22,000 young people in Milton Keynes at South East and National meetings.

The successful candidates will also become members of the Youth Cabinet.

The current cabinet is keen to encourage young people to put themselves forward as candidates saying, "Join Youth Cabinet if you want to make a real difference whilst having fun. It's your chance to speak out and help make changes."

Emma Hosking, youth participation worker in the Youth Service, said: 'This is a great opportunity for young people to have a strong collective voice and to help change things for the better in Milton Keynes."

Nominations must be in by February 20.

Each candidate's manifesto will be available to view from March1 at www.mysaymk.com with voting taking place online from March 23 to April 3.

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Light Fantastic's Helios over Midsummer Place in October 2007 – now the company that produced it, The Full Effect, has won a top award in the USA

Light show wins world award

AN events company has received a worldwide award for its Light Fantastic show.

The Full Effect, which wowed crowds when it premiered in Milton Keynes in October 2007, won the title of the most outstanding spectacle in the Gala Awards competition held in San Diego.

It was the only British company to win an award.

More than 160,000 people attended the event which featured a range of light parades, hands-on displays and multiple sound and light shows.

The highlight of the two-night event, which cost around £226,000, was the French aerialists Transe Express who performed a stunning display suspended from a 150ft crane which acted as a giant child's mobile.

Jackie Tracey, commercial and events manager for thecentre:mk, said: "We were delighted to be so closely related with an event that was so professionally organised and had acts of an international standard coming to Milton Keynes.

"It really put the city on the map."

"It engendered a great deal of civic pride and it drew enormous crowds who visited thecentre:mk, which was particularly good for our catering outlets."

Director of The Full Effect Mr Harrison said: "This is a prestigious event, and for a Bedford company to win this worldwide award is good news, and shows that creativity wins through.

"Milton Keynes is set out on a grid system and the city wanted something unique that, when the centre was closed off, would work with the road system, naturally leading people from place to place.

"Plans are on the board to repeat the event in the future."

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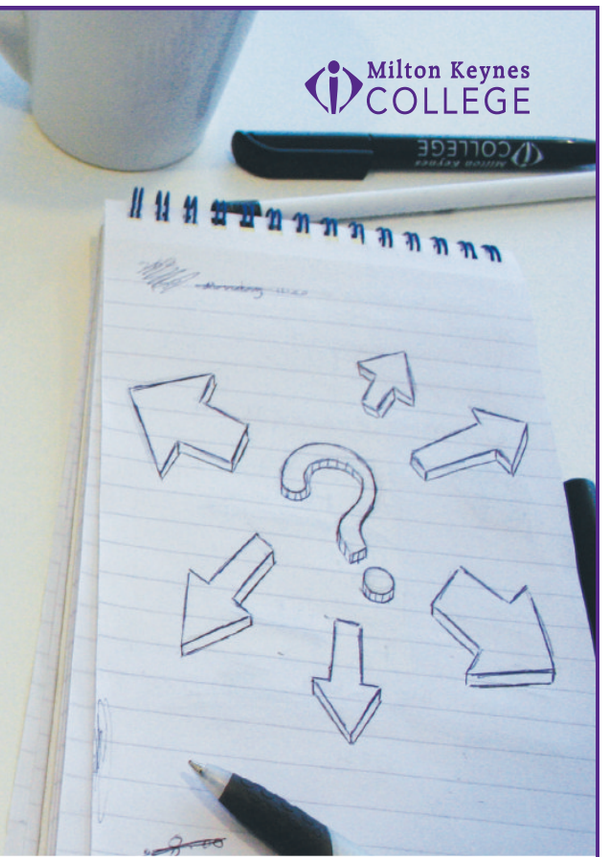

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LANGUAGES						
XA60F	Bulgarian Conversation - Beginners	23-Feb-09	Mon	1800-1930	12 wks	£72
XA61F	Bulgarian Conversation - Improvers	23-Feb-09	Mon	1945-2115	12 wks	£72
XA62F	French Beginners	23-Feb-09	Mon	1930-2100	12 wks	£72
XA63F	French Improvers 1	23-Feb-09	Mon	1900-2030	12 wks	£72
XB78F	French Improvers 2	24-Feb-09	Tue	1830-2000	12 wks	£72
XB64F	French Intermediate	24-Feb-09	Tue	2015-2145	12 wks	£72
XB65F	Italian Improvers	24-Feb-09	Tue	1830-2000	12 wks	£72
XA66F	Italian Beginners	23-Feb-09	Mon	1830-2000	12 wks	£72
XB67F	Italian Conversation Advanced	24-Feb-09	Tue	2015-2145	12 wks	£72
XB68F	Japanese Beginners	24-Feb-09	Tue	1830-2000	12 wks	£72
XC77F	Latin - Beginners **NEW**	25-Feb-09	Wed	1830-2000	12 wks	£72
XB69F	Mandarin Beginners	24-Feb-09	Tue	1800-1930	12 wks	£72
XB76F	Mandarin Improvers	24-Feb-09	Tue	1945-2115	12 wks	£72
XB70F	Spanish Beginners	24-Feb-09	Tue	1830-2000	12 wks	£72
XC71F	Spanish Beginners	25-Feb-09	Wed	2015-2145	12 wks	£72
XA72F	Spanish Improvers	23-Feb-09	Mon	2015-2145	12wks	£72
XC73F	Spanish Improvers	25-Feb-09	Wed	1830-2000	12 wks	£72
XA74F	Spanish Intermediate 1	23-Feb-09	Mon	1830-2000	12 wks	£72
XB75F	Spanish Intermediate 2	24-Feb-09	Tue	2015-2145	12 wks	£72
XC76F	Spanish Conversation 2	25-Feb-09	Wed	1900-2030	12 wks	£72
XA77F	Turkish Beginners	23-Feb-09	Mon	1830-2000	12 wks	£72
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY						
XC33B	Microsoft Office	04-Mar-09	Wed	1830-2030	10 wks	£96
XF30B	Excel Beginners	28-Feb-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£40
XF31	Excel Improvers	14-Mar-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£40
XF33B	PowerPoint - Creating Presentations	14-Mar-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£40
ARTS, CRAFTS & PRACTICAL SKILLS						
XA60A	Allotments & Gardens for Beginners	02-Mar-09	Mon	1730-1900	8 wks	£48
XC70A	Basic Fashion Design and Research	04-Mar-09	Wed	1830-2000	10 wks	£64
XA61A	Cards Galore	02-Mar-09	Mon	1900-2030	10 wks	£64
XC64A	Cookery - Healthy Meals	22-Apr-09	Wed	1930-2130	5 wks	£52
XC65A	Cookery - Italian/Mediterranean	25-Feb-09	Wed	1930-2130	5 wks	£52
XA66A	Cookery - Indian	23-Feb-09	Mon	1900-2100	4 wks	£44
XC67A	Drawing and Sketching	09-Mar-09	Mon	1900-2100	10 wks	£76
XA68A	Dressmaking	23-Feb-09	Mon	1930-2130	8 wks	£64
XA71A	Floristry	02-Mar-09	Mon	1900-2100	8 wks	£64
XA72A	Garden Design - Construction and Maintenance	02-Mar-09	Mon	1930-2130	8wks	£64
XF73A	Painting & Drawing from Observation	28-Feb-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£32
XA75A	Painting - Oils - Intermediate	02-Mar-09	Mon	1930-2130	10 wks	£76
XA76A	Painting - Watercolours - Beginners	02-Mar-09	Mon	1930-2130	10 wks	£76
XC77A	Painting - Watercolours - Beginners	04-Mar-09	Wed	1900-2100	10 wks	£76
XB79A	Photography - You and Your Camera	03-Mar-09	Tue	1900-2100	8 wks	£64
DANCE, MUSIC & DRAMA						
XB61D	Dance - Lyrical	03-Mar-09	Tue	1745-1845	10 wks	£48
XB60D	African Drumming	03-Mar-09	Tue	1900-2030	10 wks	£64
XA62D	Dance - Ballet Beginners/Improvers	02-Mar-09	Mon	1745-1845	10 wks	£48
XA63D	Dance - Ballroom & Latin American - Beginners	23-Feb-09	Mon	2030-2200	12 wks	£84
XA64D	Dance - Belly Dancing - Improvers	23-Feb-09	Mon	1945-2115	10 wks	£60
XA65D	Dance - Belly Dancing - Beginners	23-Feb-09	Mon	1800-1930	10 wks	£60
XB72D	Dance - Pole Dance for Fitness - Beginners	24-Feb-09	Tue	1945-2045	6 wks	£52
XC73D	Dance - Rock 'n' Roll - Beginners	04-Mar-09	Wed	1900-2000	10 wks	£48
XC74D	Dance - Rock 'n' Roll - Improvers	04-Mar-09	Wed	2015-2115	10 wks	£48
XA77D	Guitar - Beginners	02-Mar-09	Mon	1900-2100	8 wks	£64
XC79D	Singing for Fun	25-Feb-09	Wed	1900-2100	8 wks	£64
COURSES LEADING TO A QUALIFICATION						
XF60Q	First Aid - Appointed Person	28-Feb-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£48
XF62Q	First Aid - Appointed Person - Paediatric	07-Mar-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£48
GENERAL INTEREST						
XC51G	Bridal Make-up	04-Mar-09	Wed	1900-2100	8 wks	£64
XC53G	Creative Writing	04-Mar-09	Wed	1930-2130	10 wks	£80
XA56G	Fashion & Avant Garde Make-up	02-Mar-09	Mon	1900-2100	6 wks	£48
XA57G	Hair Styling - Creative - Beginners	02-Mar-09	Mon	1830-2030	8 wks	£64
XC55G	Hair Cutting - Beginners Stage 1	04-Mar-09	Wed	1830-2100	5 wks	£48
XC56G	Hair Cutting - Beginners Stage 2	22-Apr-09	Wed	1830-2100	5 wks	£48
XC58G	Hypnotherapy	25-Feb-09	Wed	1900-2130	5 wks	£56
XB63G	Style, Image & Make-up	03-Mar-09	Tue	1900-2100	6 wks	£48
SATURDAY WORKSHOPS						
XF50G	Assertiveness	07-Mar-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£32
XF62A	Cards, Invitations, Gift Tags & Wrappings	28-Feb-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£32
XF52G	Communicating with Teenagers	28-Feb-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£32
XF63A	Cookery - Chinese	14-Mar-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£32
XF54G	Creative Writing Workshop	28-Feb-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£32
XF66D	Dance - Belly Dancing for Fun	14-Mar-09	Sat	1000-1500	1 day	£28
XF69D	Dance - Flamenco	28-Feb-09	Sat	1000-1400	1 day	£24
XF67D	Dance - Mums & Daughters Belly Dance 16+	28-Feb-09	Sat	1000-1500	1 day	£28
XF32A	Digital Photos - Image Manipulation	28-Feb-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£40
XF84A	Drawing - Large Scale with Chalk Pastels	07-Mar-09	Sat	1000-1300	1/2 day	£16
XF54S	Enhance your Happiness	14-Mar-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£32
XF30B	Excel - Beginners	28-Feb-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£40
XF31B	Excel - Improvers	14-Mar-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£40
XF58A	Face Painting	07-Mar-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£32
XF69A	Fancy Dress - Make Your Own	28-Feb-09	Sat	1000-1600	2 days	£60
XF82G	Hair Styling for Long Hair	07-Mar-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£32
XF59G	Manicure & Nail Art	28-Feb-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£32
XF63Q	Manual Handling	14-Mar-09	Sat	1000-1400	1 day	£24
XF60G	Neurolinguistic Programming	28-Feb-09	Sat	1000-1600	2 days	£60
XF73A	Painting & Drawing from Observation	28-Feb-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£32
XF78A	Painting - Watercolours	14-Mar-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£32
XF80A	Photography - Getting the Most from your Camera	07-Mar-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£32
XF33B	PowerPoint - Creating Presentations	14-Mar-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£40
XF81A	Patchwork and Quilting for Spring	14-Mar-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£32
XF52S	Reflexology	28-Feb-09	Sat	1000-1600	2 days	£60
XF83A	Soft Furnishings - Simple Blinds	14-Mar-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£32
XF62G	Stress Management	14-Mar-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£32
XF85A	Temporary Body Art - Celebrity Tattoos	14-Mar-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£32
XF64G	Theatrical Make-up	28-Feb-09	Sat	1000-1600	1 day	£32
SPORT, HEALTH & FITNESS						
XA78S	Aerobics	23-Feb-09	Mon	1915-2015	10 wks	£48
XA51S	Alexander Technique	23-Feb-09	Mon	1900-2100	8 wks	£64
XA60S	Aromatherapy and Massage for Beginners	23-Feb-09	Mon	1900-2100	8 wks	£64
XA59S	Boxercise	02-Mar-09	Mon	1900-2000	10 wks	£48
XD52S	Fencing - Beginners	05-Mar-09	Thu	2000-2100	6 wks	£48
XA50S	FitBall	02-Mar-09	Mon	1830-1930	10 wks	£48
XC56S	Pilates - Beginners	04-Mar-09	Wed	1830-1930	10 wks	£48
XC57S	Pilates - Improvers	04-Mar-09	Wed	1945-2045	10 wks	£48
XA58S	QiGong and Aiki - Gentle Oriental Exercise	23-Feb-09	Mon	1900-2100	8 wks	£64
XB58S	Yoga	03-Mar-09	Tue	1830-2000	10 wks	£68

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Everyone from swimmers to police chiefs have been pledging their support for the Milton Keynes Community Foundation's drive to raise £1 million.

In the lead up to St Valentine's Day, the organisation – which gives grants to local organisations and services – challenged city residents to 'make a heart' to show how much they care about their city.

Sarah Sweet-Rowley, marketing manager, said clubs, schools and offices can make a heart in any way they want, and then empty their pockets of their change for a good cause.

She said: "So far we have the backing of Thames Valley Police, MK Lions, MK Partnership, the Ramada Encore, the Mayor, the High Sheriff of Buckingham, Volkswagen, MK Dragon Boat Team, MK Dons, Bletchley Cricket Club, Christian Foundation, Loughton & Shenley Over 60s."

The over 60s were keen to raise £30 for the cause having received grants themselves for a bingo machine and for an indoor bowling mat.

People are being asked to e-mail their hearts to the foundation - for which the best will be awarded - and then send their donations by February 13.

■ Contact 01908 690276 or info@mkcommunityfoundation.co.uk for details.

Horsey heart: Rachel Medhill from Ride High

Survey aims to help fight fat

AROUND a third of ten and eleven-year-olds in the city are overweight or obese.

The news comes as The Department of Health launches its 'How are the Kids?', the country's biggest survey of children's health today.

The survey is part of the Change4Life campaign, which is aiming to kick start a lifestyle change for everyone, in order to stop the rising tide of obesity.

Mums, dads and carers in England will be asked to give information about their family's eating and activity habits. In return they will receive a specially tailored plan full of health tips.

It is estimated that the annual cost to the NHS locally of diseases relating to people being overweight or obese could be as much as £63million by 2015.

Around 11 million surveys will be sent out.

Sue Frossell, consultant in public health at NHS Milton Keynes said: "I'd like to encourage every family in Milton Keynes to take part in the survey. Then they will receive a unique health plan written by experts that will help the whole family make a Change4life by eating well, move well and live longer."

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They are among the 29 members of staff at Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service who have just received awards after notching up more than 650 years' service between them.

Crew manager Tim Delaney from Great Holm Fire Station and firefighters Dean Warren from Newport Pagnell Fire Station and Andrew Revitt from Olney Fire Station have each served for 20 years and were presented with the Fire Brigade Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

Five more have reached the 25-year mark and received awards celebrating a their service to the fire authority and Buckinghamshire County Council.

They are station manager Geoff Bottle, who runs Broughton and Newport Pagnell Fire Stations; watch manager Bob Breading from Broughton Fire Station; watch manager Ian Sharp and firefighter Matt Bliss from Great Holm Fire Station; and firefighter Adrian Mynard from Olney Fire Station.

Chief Fire Officer Damian Smith said: "My congratulations go to all of them for their commitment, loyalty and service over many years, and my thanks to their families for being there with them."

The awards were celebrated at a ceremony in Aylesbury attended by Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher Bt, Lord-Lieutenant for Buckinghamshire; Peter Thorogood, High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire and Cllr David Rowlands, chairman of Buckinghamshire & MK Fire Authority.

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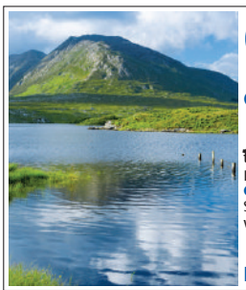

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For more details you can visit www.360play.uk.com or call 01908 308360
The editors decision is final and the closing date is 13th February 2009

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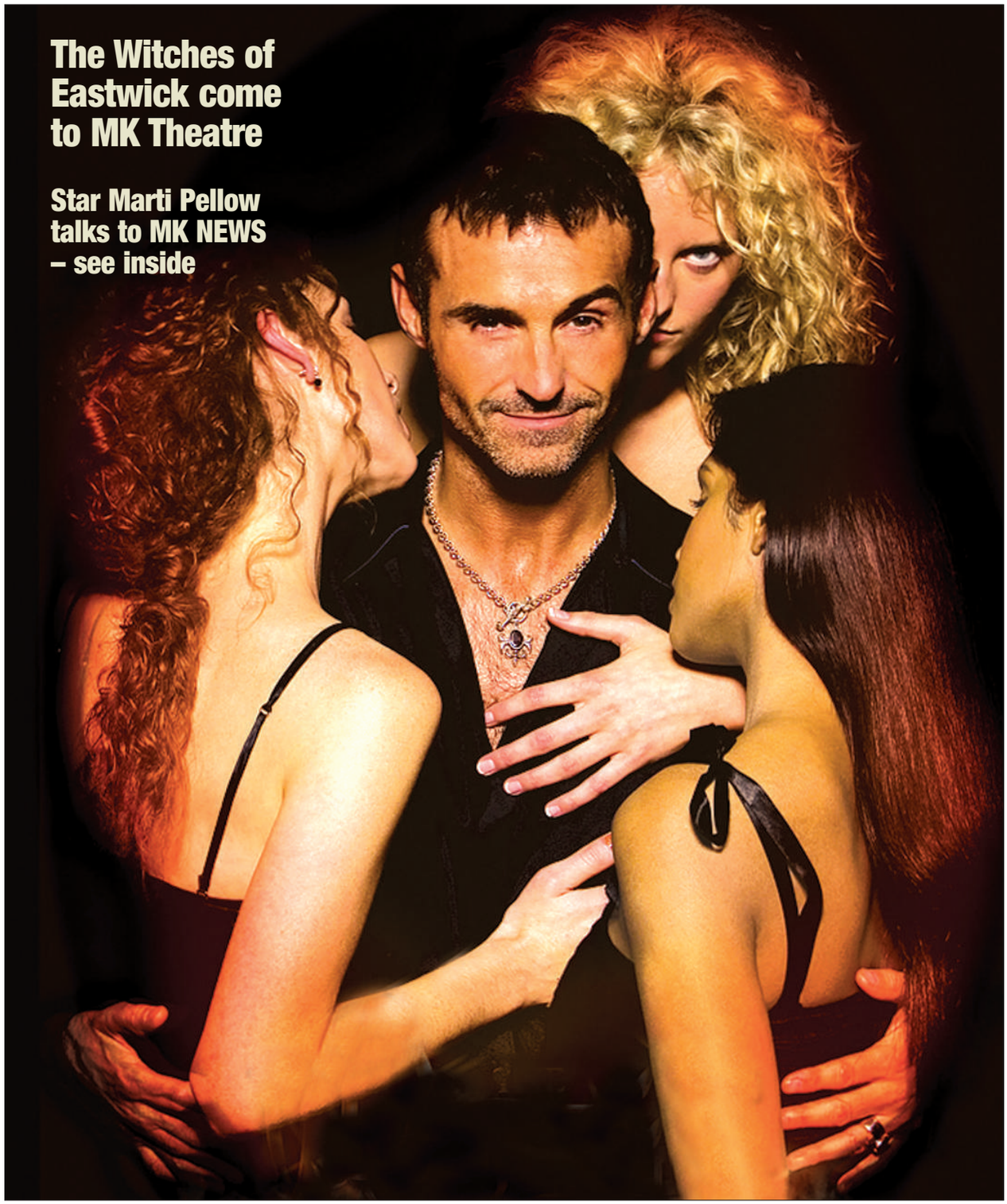

The Witches of Eastwick come to MK Theatre

Star Marti Pellow talks to MK NEWS – see inside

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Tots to Teens Exhibition
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Children's Holiday activities
16 – 22 February
Head to Middleton Hall for the bungee jump, giant slide, swing boats and cup and saucer rides. Prices apply per activity.

La Dolce Vita Italian Market
19 – 22 February

thecentremk.com 0870 890 2530 thecentre:mk

FRIDAY THE 13TH

Julie Berman, Andrea Bogart

From Friday

ANOTHER classic horror film gets a revamp. Looking to reopen a camp for special need kids, a group of councilors encounter a snag in their plans when an unknown person begins to pick them off one by one.

NOTORIOUS

Jamal Woolard, Angela Bassett, Derek Luke, Anthony Mackie, Antonique Smith, Naturi Naughton, Dennis White, Julia Pace Mitchell

From Friday

The life and death story of Notorious BIG (aka Christopher Wallace).

THE PINK PANTHER 2 (PG)

Steve Martin, Andy Garcia, John Cleese, Alfred Molina, Aishwarya Rai

From Friday

WHEN a priceless trove of artefacts are stolen around the globe, Inspector Clouseau (Martin) is placed in charge of tracking down the culprits and returning the treasures.

HOTEL FOR DOGS (U)

Emma Roberts, Don Cheadle, Lisa Kudrow, Jake T Austin, Kevin Dillon

From Friday

TWO kids secretly take in nine stray dogs at a vacant house.

MY NAME IS BRUCE

Taylor Sharpe, Grace Thorsen, Ted Raimi, Bruce Campbell

From Friday

A SMALL town in Oregon mistakes Bruce Campbell (playing Bruce Campbell, keep up) for his character in Evil Dead and beg him to help them with their little Chinese God of War monster problem.

Jared Padalecki as Clay and Derek Mears as Jason Voorhees in Friday The 13th

THE CURIOUS CASE OF BENJAMIN BUTTON

Tilda Swinton, Elle Fanning, Elias Koteas, Julia Ormond, Jason Flemyng, Taraji P Henson, Cate Blanchett, Brad Pitt

Now showing

BENJAMIN Button (Brad Pitt) is a boy born with the biology of a pensioner. As he grows up, he grows younger, and falls in love with Daisy (Cate Blanchett).

THE SECRET OF MOONACRE (U)

Ioan Gruffudd, Dakota Blue Richards, Tim Curry

Now showing

IN the 1840s Maria Merryweather, a 13-year-old orphan journeys to the mysterious Moonacre Manor in the beautiful West Country.

VICKY CRISTINA BARCELONA (12A)

Rebecca Hall, Scarlett Johansson, Javier Bardem, PenÉlope Cruz, Chris Messina

Now showing

AMERICAN friends Vicky (Hall) and Cristina (Johansson) – arrive in Barcelona where they meet painter Juan Antonio (Bardem) and his ex-wife, Maria Elena (Cruz).

PUSH

Chris Evans, Dakota Fanning, Camilla Belle, Djimon Hounsou, Maggie Siff

From Friday

PEOPLE with incredible powers – movers move things with their will alone. Watchers see the future and Pushers bend you to their will and place thoughts into your mind.

FILM REVIEW

THE CURIOUS CASE OF BENJAMIN BUTTON

Oh dear. Usually when I sit down to write things about the film for the week I try and give a balanced view.

You know the sort of thing, throw in some positives and some negatives and let you make up your own mind.

With Benjamin Button, though, I am really struggling.

As I sit typing this, the TV is on in the background and it's winning loads of BAFTAs and will, no doubt, win plenty of Oscars too.

I must confess I really didn't like anything about it at all. It's the sort of film that wins Oscars, its all melancholic and portrays an emotional sweep through the life of a remarkable person who ages backwards (Brad Pitt).

It's an interesting idea and opens up lots of dramatic possibilities that I felt just weren't very well explored.

It was written by the same guy who wrote Forest Gump and you can tell.

Benjamin Button keeps getting swept up into important moments of 20th century history in exactly the same was Gump did, which is irritatingly unoriginal in itself.

Unlike Forest Gump (which I grudgingly really liked) I found it impossible to engage or sympathise with the characters in this film.

It doesn't explore emotions deeply enough considering its main idea and themes about age and the passage of time.

This, for me, was a three hour bore fest. Sorry Benjamin but you really didn't press any buttons for me.

PAUL STEPHENSON

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CLUBS AND PUBS

OCEANA
Xscape 670976
THURSDAY selected drinks 90p – everything else £1.50. The Rhythm Room, with DJ Gavin James, plays a commercial party mix while the Ice House spins RnB, hip hop, garage and drum and bass favourites. Over 18s Sunday-Thursday, over 19s Friday, over 20s Saturday. Dress code smart casual.

OPUS
Theatre District 239433
POPULAR club on two levels. RnB and hip hop on the bottom level. Funky house and electro on the top. £3 before 11pm. Dress code is casual cool.

SPICE LOUNGE DISCOTHEQUE
Theatre District 237400
DISCO venue with party music from the 80s, 90s and noughties. VIP and lounge areas to chill out. Friday and Saturdays only. 9am to 2am. Over 21s.

THE LIVING ROOM
thehub:mk 608643
MUSIC from a local musician on the baby grand piano every night at the swanky bar. Upmarket restaurant and outdoor terrace overlooking the central piazza. Food from midday until late.

REVOLUTION
Xscape 679875
VODKA cocktail bar. Monday Madness: Indie to beat driven house. Tuesday: 241 on 56 cocktails. Wednesday: What the funk? - Soul, funk and house. Thursday: Vanity - Indie, rock and hip hop upstairs. Friday: Beatcheck - New sound clash, new DJs, and new tune. Saturday: I Love Vodka - funky commercial house. Sunday: Acoustic sessions. Dress code smart casual.

LLOYDS NO.1
Theatre District 558905
BAR on two levels with a large dance floor and giant disco ball. DJs play into the early hours at weekends. Free entry. Drinks and food reasonably priced.

BUDDHA BLUE
Theatre District 241243 info@buddhablue.co.uk
NIGHTCLUB dedicated to urban music with big name guests such as Tim Westwood, Trevor Nelson and Spoony. Dress code is smart.

BLUEPRINT
Station Square 677840 info@blueprintbars.com
INDEPENDENT bar. Great selection of wines, beers and 35 cocktails to choose from.

FIRST BASE
Xscape 295222
SPORTS bar with regular DJs and live bands at the weekend, pool tables, and a big screen TV for matches. Casual dress.

SNO!BAR
Xscape 0871 222 5670
METAL and alternative Thursday. Sound sessions and guest promoters Friday. Hip hop and break beat Saturday with live DJs. 8pm start. Over 18s.

SLUG AND LETTUCE
Theatre District 395147
WIDE range of bottled and draught beers from around the world, quality wines and classic cocktails. Outdoor seating available.

ALL BAR ONE
Midsummer Boulevard 397216
COSMOPOLITAN bar aimed at people who enjoy great drinks and food in a contemporary environment.

THE CANNON
Newport Pagnell 211495
PUB with a beanbag-filled candlelit chill out space.
Free entry.

The great outdoors

PARK LIFE

THE recent snowy weather encouraged hundreds of people to step outside of their daily humdrum routine and spend some quality time together in the city's parks.

All you needed was some warm clothing, wellies and a sense of adventure. But why wait for the snow when the parks are open all year round?

The Parks Trust has many organised activities and events for children, families and adults to help you make the most of your local parks.

Many are free or have a minimal charge allowing you to get out and get active without hurting your pocket.

Joining a ranger-led walk will help you and your family discover the great outdoors and get closer to nature.

Whether you want to get fit and trim, go wild about wildlife or develop a new hobby or interest there are almost 200 events to choose from.

Highlights in 2009 include the city's outdoor two-day film festival, a romantic and classic production of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream, loads of frogtastic fun at Frog Day or a week of sporty taster sessions for teenagers.

Additionally there are monthly health walks, guided nature walks, sponsored fun runs, regular events for tiny tots, cycle rides, orienteering wildlife courses and big music festivals, such as the Great Linford Waterside Festival, MK4U and World Picnic.

This February half-term park rangers are holding two holiday events dedicated to getting you and your children out exploring the parks and having fun.

Let's Get Growing on Tuesday 17 February (10.30am-12.30pm) at Waterhall Park will encourage all budding gardeners to identify roots and shoots by planting grassy heads, cress catapillas and different flowering blubs to take home.

Or, join the Wild Welly Walk, a ranger-led puddle hunt and wildlife walk.

Wear your wellies and be prepared for some watery and muddy fun.

The walk takes place on Friday 20 February (10-11.30am) at Ouse Valley Park.

Both events cost £3 per child and must be booked in advance as holiday events are popular.

Call The Parks Trust on 01908 255379 to book your space.

If you need some great ideas to get your started visit The Parks Trust website www.theparkstrust.com or pick up a copy of the new Events Guide for 2009 at your local library.

This year the guide is sponsored by MK NEWS and provides top tips for enjoying family days out all year round.

DAILY LIFE

FRIDAY
Snowdrop Days at Evenley Wood Garden, Brackley, Northants. Almost 80 named varieties of snowdrop flowering throughout the wood. Plus early daffodils, hellebores and snowflakes. Hot soup is available, provided by Roland's Restaurant of Brackley. £5 adult, £4 conc. £1 child. 11am-4.30pm.
Call 07776 307 849
E-mail: info@evenleywoodgarden.co.uk

SATURDAY
North Bucks Orchid Society annual show at Flitwick Village Hall. 11am-4pm. Entrance £2
Contact: Kate 01234 824882

VALENTINE'S Day recital with Philippa Murray (soprano) Peter Ditoro (tenor) and Adrian Boynton (piano). Milton Keynes City Church
Admission £4.50 (conc £4, child £1.50) at the door.
E-mail: boyntonmusic@tiscali.co.uk

SUNDAY
HULA Animal Rescue's Winter's End Open Day. Salford Road, Aspley Guise £2 adults - accompanied children free
E-mail: hularescue@tiscali.co.uk

MACHINE plus Dukes of Marmalade. Woughton Leisure Centre. Live bands in the theatre at lunchtime (1pm), Free entry, families welcome.

WEDNESDAY
Until Saturday
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Thursday 12 February - 8pm
THE JAMES TAYLOR QUARTET
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Tickets £16.50

Friday 13 February - 8.45pm
ANGIE PALMER
Raw and edgy British Americana - songs of love, life, loss and redemption.
Tickets £9.50 in advance, £11.50 on the door

Sunday 15 & Monday 16 February - 8pm
GO WEST
80s favourites let the audience choose the songs you want them to play for you!
Tickets £25

Tuesday 17 February - 8pm
SANDI THOM
She wished she was a punk rocker with flowers in her hair, now she sells out every time she plays The Stables!
Tickets £16

Wednesday 18 February - 8.45pm
SCREAMING BLUE MURDER
Presenting the comedy stars of tomorrow today - rising star Ava Vidal and headliner Paul Tonkinson.
Tickets £9.50 in advance, £11.50 on the door

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Friday 9.30am to 8.00pm
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VINDICATION
Plus The Thanx
Equinox
The Broneo Function
Friday, Febuary 13
THE Pitz Club continues to support, sponsor and nurture the very best in exciting, young and original new bands from in and around Milton Keynes.

Teaming up MK Music Service 'Rock & Pop' School, to present four young teen bands all showcasing themselves for the first time, the bands are picked Rock School Riot schools band competition.

Vindiction – a five-piece alternative metal band they write strong choruses and harmonic breakdowns.

The Kranx a new band that recently met up in school got a set of tunes together. The bands style is energetic indie punk rock.

Equinox play a contrast of music however most will fall underneath the progressive / alternative category.

The Broneo Function are a four piece band, trying to have some fun playing their own brand of indie alternative rock who enjoy it.

Tickets £5. Doors 7.30pm.

THE STABLES 280800

ANGIE PALMER
Friday, February 13, 8:45pm
ANGIE Palmer is a fabulous British Americana artist whose performances are a raw and edgy mix of country, blues and folk, aggressive and tender, encompassing all the major themes of life, love, loss and redemption.
Tickets £9.50 in advance, £11.50 on the door

GO WEST
Sunday, February 15 and 16. 8pm
GO WEST are back with a new album Futurenow and a brand new tour, where the audience will choose the songs you want them to play for you. Every member of the audience will receive a list of songs to choose from, so you can make your choice and a dedication which Peter and Richard will read out from the stage.
Tickets £25

SANDI THOM
Support Marcus Bonfanti
Tuesday, February 17. 8pm
FOLLOWING on from her million-selling debut album Smile It Confuses People and recent Top 20 album The Pink and The Lily, Sandi and her band are back on the road. She'll be performing tracks from both albums (including the chart-storming hits I Wish I Was A Punk Rocker and There Is Only One Saturday Night In Every Week) and also giving an exclusive performance of songs from her new EP.
Tickets £16

Sandi Thom: Performing tracks from her albums Smile It Confuses People and The Pink and The Lily

SCREAMING BLUE MURDER
Wednesday, February 18. 8:45pm
PRESENTING the comedy stars of tomorrow, today. Compere Dan Evans introduces rising star Ava Vidal and headliner Paul Tonkinson. Lineup may be subject to change. Suitable for those 16-plus.
Hot and cold bar food available in Stage 2 from 8.30pm and throughout the evening.
Tickets £9.50 in advance.
£11.50 on the door

COLIN BLUNSTONE
Thursday, February 19. 8pm
A RARE solo outing for Colin Blunstone tonight, taking a break from The Zombies to perform songs from his new CD and from his hugely successful solo career.
This is a "non-Zombies" show and apart from the new CD, material will be drawn from classic albums such as One Year and Journey.
Tickets £17.50, £19.50

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Marti – a man of dangerous charm

MUSICAL **LIFE**

The Witches of Eastwick starring former Wet Wet Wet singer Marti Pellow comes to the city later this month. MK NEWS caught up with the star during rehearsals.

IT'S always fascinating to venture into the actors' inner sanctum and eavesdrop on a production in rehearsal.

Today, Witches of Eastwick director Nikolai Foster is casting his all-seeing eye over one of the show's set pieces, when the good people of Eastwick learn the identity of the new arrival Darryl van Horne is the name on everybody's lips and Darryl himself, aka Marti Pellow, is sitting on the sidelines, leaning forward with eager attentiveness as if he doesn't want to miss a second of what Foster is saying or what his colleagues are doing.

It's obvious that Marti is having a whale of a time and that he's taken to the musical theatre with the same aplomb that shot him and his partners in Wet Wet Wet to the top of the charts and which has helped him carve out a career as an acclaimed songwriter and solo artist.

Afterwards, Marti, a lean, incisive, charismatic presence, unwinds from the rigours of rehearsal. But there is nothing lethargic about Marti Pellow.

He is expressive, he is demonstrative, he pounces on questions and shakes answers out of them, like a dog with a favourite toy. Marti reflects on the unexpected twist to his career that has established him as a leading man in the musical theatre.

"I've only ever done one musical before, which was Chicago, and I've spent the last five years looking for something equally special.

"Then I came across The Witches of Eastwick and I went to see a production in Washington and I was very excited by it. The show was accessible and uplifting. To play Darryl is a real challenge and he has wholly engaged my imagination.

"He suddenly appears in this 1950s suburban town of white picket fences and he completely disturbs it."

Like Darryl, Marti oozes dangerous charm. Where is the source of his power to seduce entire audiences?

"My mother and father are both bonnie people and to love is part of who I am.

"I'm a romantic and I love great wordsmiths. I never expected to get involved in musicals.

"It only happened when I did a gig at the Royal Albert Hall and Ruthie Henshall was in the audience. I saw her after the show and she encouraged me to think about doing a musical.

"Then the Chicago people approached me."

Despite all his achievements in music, in the theatre and - who knows? - on the silver screen, Marti remains an essentially modest chap.

"Of course, I'm Marti Pellow 24-7 and yet I'm also still Mark McLachlan, an ordinary bloke from Clydebank.

"It's other people who give you the status. I'm still the same guy who saw David Bowie in concert and decided that this was what I was going to do."

AL SENTER

COMEDY **LIFE**

THE COMEDY CLUB

@ City Limits

Thursday, February 12

ANOTHER great night of comedy featuring three of the funniestacts around.

Compere for the night is Lee Canterbury – a human ball of energy who has been doing stand up since 1997 and loves whipping up an audience.

Next up is Pierre Hollins a genuine unsung hero of comedy. Pierre has been wowing them in the aisles for too many years for you and him to mention. A crowd favourite with a stage presence and delivery style that is the envy of many of his peers, he still appears as fresh today as the day he started

The headline act is Bob Mills. Best known for the late-night cult show In Bed with MeDinner, in which he commented on documentary video footage. He also hosted ITV's daytime game show Win, Lose or Draw, as well as LWT's There's Only One Brian Moore and Dial Midnight, plus Not A Lot Of People Know That.

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10. Pepperoni	Cheese, Tomato, Pepperoni	10.50	12.50	16.50
11. Venice Special	Pepperoni, Spicy Beef, Ham, Mushroom, Onion, Pepper, Sweetcorn	10.50	12.50	16.50
12. American Hot	Pepperoni, Onion, Jalapeno Peppers	10.00	12.00	16.00
13. Chicken Hot	Tandoori Chicken, Mushroom, Jalapeno Peppers	10.00	12.00	16.00
14. Spicy Indiana	Chicken Tikka, Jalapeno Peppers, Fresh Tomato	10.00	12.00	16.00
15. Mexicana	Mex. Chicken, Pineapple, Peppers, Jalapenos	10.00	12.00	16.00
16. Copenhagen	Kebab, Pepperoni, Sausages, Bacon, Salad Dressing	10.00	13.00	17.00
17. MK Special	Pepperoni, Bacon, Onions, Peppers, Jalapenos	10.00	13.00	17.00
18. Hot Vegetarian	Mushroom, Onion, Sweetcorn, Fresh Tomato, Chilli, Olives, Pineapple	11.00	13.50	17.00
19. American Special	Onion, Salamy, Peppers, Beef, Chicken, Ham, Bacon, Sausage	10.00	13.00	18.00
20. London Special	Ham, Beef, Bacon, Mushroom, Peppers	11.00	13.50	17.00
21. Seafood Special	Tuna, Prawns, Fresh Tomato, Anchovies, Onion	11.00	13.00	17.00
22. Rolling Stone	Spaghetti Bolognese, Meat Sauce	10.00	13.00	17.00
23. Rolling Rosa	Ham, Spaghetti Bolognese, Meat Sauce	10.00	13.00	17.00

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French Fries	1.20
Dressings	30p

Garlic & Mayo, Garlic & Herb, BBQ, Chilli, Ketchup, Mayo

BURGERS

1/4lb Beef Burger with chips	3.30
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1/4lb Cheese Burger with chips	3.50
1/2lb Cheese Burger with chips	4.00
1/4lb Chicken Burger with chips	3.75

All burgers served with fresh salad and sauces

DESSERT (Per Slice)

Chocolate Banana Cake	2.20
Tennesse Toffee Pie	2.20
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CHEESE & TOMATO BAS plus ANY 2 DIFFERENT TOPPINGS	9.50	10.50	12.00	15.00
CHEESE & TOMATO BAS plus ANY 4 DIFFERENT TOPPINGS (ADDITIONAL TOPPINGS £1)	9.80	11.00	13.00	16.00
CHEESE & TOMATO BAS plus ANY 8 DIFFERENT TOPPINGS	10.30	12.00	14.00	17.00

MEAL DEALS

Chicken Burger & Chips	3.95
1/2 Pound Beefburger & Chips	3.95
2 Pieces Chicken & Chips	3.50
3 Pieces Chicken & Chips	4.50
4 Pieces Chicken & Chips	5.50
Extra Piece of Chicken	1.00
Steak (8oz Sirloin) with Chips, Mushrooms & Salad	9.00
Large Doner Kebab	4.50
Small Doner Kebab	3.50

PIZZA MENU (ADDITIONAL TOPPINGS £1)

Tomato, Cheese, Tuna, Prawn, Anchovies, Chicken, Beef, Sausage, Bacon, Pineapple, Ham, Salami, Pepperoni, Chicken Tikka, Olives, Mushrooms, Corn, Onions, Pepper, Garlic, Jalepeno, BBQ Sauces	9" Standard	12" Standard	12" Deep Pan Mega	Extra Lg 15" Standard
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3. HAWAIIAN Tomato, Cheese, Ham, Pineapple	9.50	10.50	12.00	15.00
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5. VEGI SPECIAL Tomato, Cheese, Peppers, Corn, Mushrooms, Pineapple, Olives, Onion	9.80	11.00	13.00	16.00
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7. NEW YORKER Tomato, Cheese, Onion, Salami, Beef, Chicken Tikka, Onions, Pepper	10.30	12.00	14.00	17.00
8. MIGHTY MEATY Tomato, Cheese, Salami, Beef, Chicken, Ham, Bacon, Sausage	10.30	12.00	14.00	17.00
9. CHICKEN TIKKA MASSALA Tomato, Cheese, Chicken Tikka, Onions, Pepper	10.30	12.00	14.00	17.00
10. MEAT LOVERS Tomato, Cheese, Double Salami, double Pepperoni, Double Ham, Double Beef	12.00	14.00	16.00	19.00
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13. PEPPERONI FEAST Double Mozzarella, Double Pepperoni	9.80	11.00	13.00	16.00

NEW

SIDE ORDERS

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Coleslaw	1.40
Garlic Bread	1.50
Garlic Bread with Mozzarella Topping	2.50
Prawn Cocktail	2.70
Garlic Mushrooms	1.70
Salad	1.50
Chicken Dippers (6pcs)	3.00
Combo Chicken Dipper (6pcs) Potato Wedges & 3 Dips	4.90
Potato Wedges	2.00
Dips 2 Potato Skins filled with Mozzarella & BBQ Dip	0.35
BBQ Chicken Wings (6pcs) & Dip	3.50
Hot Chicken Wings (6pcs) & Dip	3.50
Onion Rings (10pcs)	2.00
BBQ Spare Ribs	4.50

DESSERTS

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Gateaux	1.50
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4	OCEAN FEAST Tuna, Prawns, Anchovies & Tomatos	9.50	12.50	15.50
5	CHICKEN FEAST BBQ Sauce, Plain Chicken, Mushrooms & Peppers	9.50	12.50	15.50
6	AMERICANA Onion, Pepperoni, Beef, Green Chillies & Peppers	9.50	12.50	15.50
7	MEXICANA Chicken Tikka, Jalepenos, Peppers, & Pineapple	9.50	12.50	15.50
8	TASTY VEGGIE Onion, Mushroom, Sweetcorn, Peppers, Olives & Tomatos	9.50	12.50	15.50
9	MEAT FEAST Beef, Pepperoni, Turkey & Chicken Tikka	9.50	12.50	15.50
10	TASTY SPECIAL Onion, Chiken, Green Chillies, Peppers & Tomatoes	10.00	13.00	16.00
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14	GRAND TANDOORI CHICKEN Topping, Red Onion, Green Chilli, Tandoori Chicken, Garlic Sauce & Fresh Coriander	9.50	12.50	16.00
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TOPPINGS

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4 Chips
1.5 Litre coke & coleslaw
£15.00

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Green Peppers, Mushrooms, Onions, Ham, Beef & Pepperoni	£9.95	£12.95	£14.95
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Meatball Feast BBQ Sauce, Meatballs, Pepperoni, Bacon, Garlic Sausage, Smokey Sausage	£9.95	£12.95	£14.95

Stuffed Edge Surcharges

Stuffed Edge with Cheese/with cheese & Pepperoni/ with Garlic & Herbs	£1.00	£1.20	£1.40

Extra Toppings

Create your own pizza by using a Cheese and Tomato as a base then add your choice of toppings from the following £0.90 £1.00 £1.10

Meat Toppings	Chicken Toppings	Seafood Toppings	Vegetable Toppings
Pepperoni, Salami	Tandoori Chicken	Tuna	Pineapple, Mushrooms,
Garlic Sausage	Chinese Chicken	Anchovies	Sweetcorn, Green Peppers
Smokey Sausage	Plain Chicken	Prawns	Red peppers, Onions,
Ham, Spicy Pork	Mexican Chicken		Fresh Tomato, Green Chillies
Beef			Aubergine, Fresh Garlic,
			Jalapeno peppers, Black
			Olives, Spinach, Broccoli

Starters

Garlic Bread (4pcs)	£1.70	With Cheese (4pcs)	£2.20
Cheesy Garlic Pizza Bread (7")	£3.50	Breaded Mozzarella Sticks (8pcs)	£3.95
Potato Twisters (Per Portion)	£2.95	Potato Wedges (Per Portion)	£2.95
Potato Wedges (Per Portion)	£2.95	Potato Skins (5pcs) with cheese	£3.95
Potato Skins (5pcs) with cheese	£4.95	Jalapeno Peppers Cream cheese (6pcs)	£3.95
Onion Rings (10 rings)	£2.50		
Dips, garlic & Mayonnaise, BBQ, Chilli, Sour Cream, Garlic & Herb			£0.30
Spicy Chicken Wings (8pcs)	£3.95	BBQ Wings (8pcs)	£3.95
Chicken Nuggets (6pcs)	£2.50	Southern Fried Mr Chicken (6pcs)	£3.95
BBQ Ribs (1.2 rack)	£3.95		

Pasta

Spaghetti Bolognese	£4.95	Vegetable Lasagne	£4.95
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Salad

Salad Bar Onion, lettuce, fresh tomato, cucumber, coleslaw, ham, sweetcorn, green peppers, olives, cheese, tuna, chicken			£3.50
Green Salad	£2.50	Coleslaw	£1.50

Ice Cream

Haagen Daas 500ml, Vanilla, Choc Chips, Strawberry & Cream, Cookies & Cream, Baileys & Cream	£3.95
House Ice Cream, Dairy, Strawberry, Chocolate, Caramel Coffee	£4.95

Desserts

Tennessee Toffee Pie	£2.50	Chocolate Fudge Cake	£2.50
Strawberry Cheese Cake	£2.50	Banoffi Pie	£2.50

Cold Drinks

Coke, 7-UP, Fanta, Diet Coke (Can)	£0.70	Bottle	£1.70

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TELEVISION WEEK

AS pointless England football friendlies go this one has to take the biscuit.

Fabio Capello's boys are away against the reigning European champions, Spain, and we can watch the entire spectacle unravel before our very eyes on **Wednesday, ITV1 9pm,** that is of course if they don't cut to an advert break halfway through the second half.

A Very British Storm Junkie, **Thursday, Channel 4, 9pm,** follows the story of IT consultant Stuart Robinson and his unusual hobby – chasing storms.

Based in Leicestershire with his fiancee Alison, he has travelled the globe to witness the power of nature since the film Twister first sparked his interest.

Last year he set himself the challenge of experiencing the eye of a hurricane, but to achieve his dream he must defy the authorities.

On the eve of St Valentine's Day the Tonight programme takes a look at The Love Industry, **Friday, ITV1, 8pm,** Jonathan Maitland investigates why the proportion of single people in UK society is growing, and how a billion-pound matchmaking industry has grown to meet the demand for partners.

Takeaway: Ant and Dec

He meets three dating hopefuls from the current total of almost 15 million singletons and charts their experiences of introduction agencies, speed dating, pub crawls and websites in search of romance.

Geordie due Ant and Dec are back with a brand new series of their hit show Saturday Night Takeaway, **Saturday, ITV1, 7.45pm,** stars on this weeks show include Paris Hilton and Miley Cyrus.

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Closing date Tuesday, February 17.

SIMON DARNELL

TONIGHT: FRANZ FERDINAND

Franz Ferdinand (album)

I THOUGHT downloading had pretty much killed off the concept album.

Back in their day, albums like Sergeant Pepper and Dark Side Of The Moon were only available as a set of songs etched onto big black discs, so if you only wanted one song, that was your problem.

Nowadays, if you only want the one song you can nip over to iTunes or Amazon or other MP3 sellers and hand over a few pennies for it.

You still get the artwork, so you've done alright for yourself, but you end up missing out on the 'experience' that the band wanted you to immerse yourself into.

It comes as something of a surprise then, to discover that Franz Ferdinand's new LP is supposed to be a concept album, all about a night spent partying and the morning after.

Let's be honest, the phrases 'Franz Ferdinand' and 'concept album' aren't exactly compatible are they?

To be fair to them though, you'd never know it. The songs are designed as stand alone numbers rather than overblown epics that segue into each other, and unlike the second album, this is a big step forwards for the band.

Yeah, fair enough there are a few tracks that initially sound like throwbacks, but even those have been given a few tweaks and upgrades in the sound effects department.

The riff on What She Came For can trace its lineage back to Stevie Wonder's Superstition. Send Him Away has a worrying reggae tinge to it (well it worries me, I don't like reggae), Ulysses is still growing on me even after repeated listens, Live Alone could've been nicked from the record box at a late-70s mobile disco.

> It's a work of genius, plain and simple, and it proves that Franz Ferdinand are capable of a hell of a lot more than they've been given credit for

And then there's Lucid Dreams – if it finished after four minutes, it would've been one of the highlights of the album, but it doesn't and it's the outright star of the show. To begin with it's a rollicking tune and is blessed with one of the longest build-ups you'll find outside of the 2012 Olympics.

It's basically Franz Ferdinand sounding like standard-issue Franz Ferdinand as you'd expect, but with one or two electronic bits thrown in.

However, at the three thirty-mark, when the song should be ending, it then launches into an extended instrumental break with the guitars complementing the electronics instead of the other way round.

A nice way to end the song you might think, flipping it head over heels – after all, Take Me Out and Do You Want To also featured drastic changes in direction too and to great effect.

However, that's nothing compared to Lucid Dreams.

No other song on the album touches the four-minute mark, but at four minutes 45 seconds, the last vestiges of the original tune are jettisoned as it turns into a low-budget acid house monster that sounds nothing whatsoever like the band that created it... and it then carries on for another three minutes just for good measure.

It's a work of genius, plain and simple, and it proves that Franz Ferdinand are capable of a hell of a lot more than they've been given credit for.

This album's been put together very cleverly – every song is in exactly the right place, with no jarring moments and they've somehow ended up with something far more impressive than I was expecting.

The tricky bit's going to be following it up with something even better.

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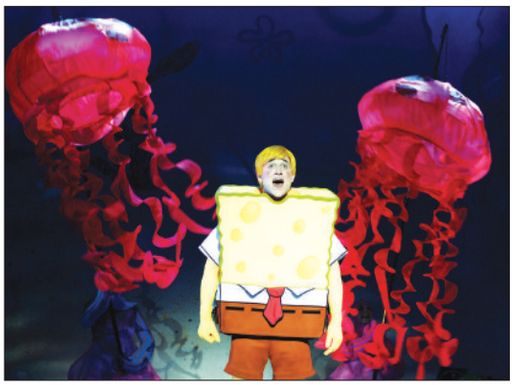

Flying with the jellyfish: Spongebob Squarepants

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TASTE LIFE

DEXTERS

Xscape Centre

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Review by Rob Gibson

DEXTERS and Tootsies restaurant bills itself as a family friendly experience for breakfast, lunch or dinner.

We visited on a Sunday afternoon and it was clear from the outset that, yes, the restaurant is a hit among children and adults alike.

Suggestions of hoards of young children might constitute a negative for many adults but such concerns would be unfounded because the seating is well spaced over three tiers, with cosey leather boothes on offer, and the noise levels are decent.

We were seated in a booth but office parties and larger groups would enjoy the long tables on the ground level next to the well-stocked bar.

To start I ordered the loaded nachos with added chilli beef (£6.75) and my partner tried the calamari (£4.95).

My dish was huge and I would fully recommend adding some chilli to this delicious mix.

The calamari was a hit and this restaurant definitely demands a healthy appetite.

Our appetites were big enough to brave the best from the grills menu, although the burgers also come highly recommended.

I opted for the baby back ribs (£12.95) and our friendly waitress advised that I try the BBQ sauce rather than the maple glaze.

The rack she presented in front of me was lip-smackingly good.

Dexters: A hit among children and adults alike

My partner decided she would try the prime sirloin steak with green peppercorn and Calvados sauce and when I managed to steal a bite the meat was tender, the sauce delicious.

Away from the grills, Dexters offers an impressive range including a butternut squash rissotto, Thai king prawn curry and Hereford beef and merlot pie.

I might be tempted back by the pancakes on the brunch menu.

The junior menu has been famously developed by Annabel Karmel, a leading expert and best-selling author on baby and children's food.

Our waitress encouraged us to try the rich cholocolate fondant pudding (£4.95), which was incredibly sickly sweet and exactly what I fancied.

My partner tried the sticky toffee pudding (£4.95), but it was no contest next to my chocolate heaven.

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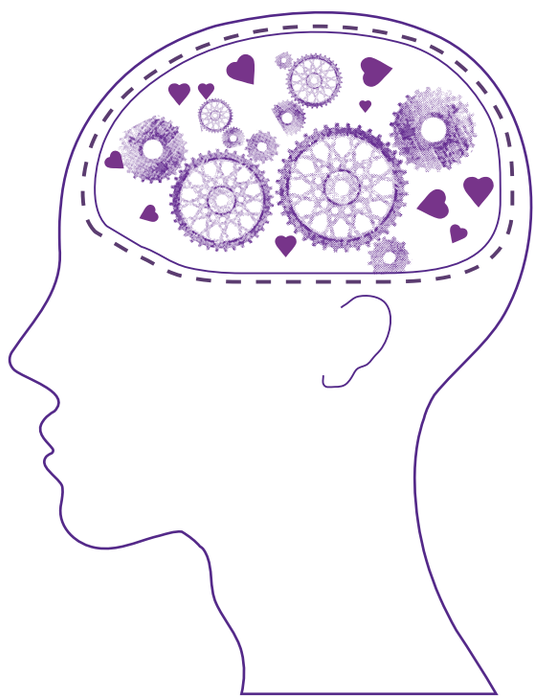

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Walton Park — Fixed Price £500,000

This stunning individual detached property is situated in a desirable cul-de-sac in Walton Park near Caldecotte Lake.

* 4 Reception rooms * Atrium style family room with mezzanine level above * Kitchen/breakfast * Five double bedrooms * Two en suites * Ample off road parking * Double Garage.

Stoke Hammond — Fixed Price £500,000

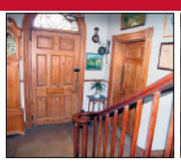
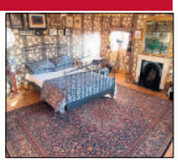
Situated on a substantial corner plot in a beautiful courtyard setting.

*Kitchen/Diner/Family Room * Lounge * Study * Downstairs WC and Utility * Master bedroom with en suite * 3 further bedrooms * Parking for 3 * Oversized garage and workshop * Must be viewed to appreciate.

Loughton — Fixed Price £475,000

A stunning barn conversion situated in Loughton.
*Kitchen with part vaulted ceiling,
*Three reception rooms *Four bedrooms *En-suite and family bathroom
*Exciting cellar which contains a 16' gym two room recording studio and storage room
*Double garage *Wealth of modern living flexibility with character.

Fenny Stratford — £500,000

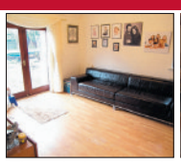
An exciting and vibrant detached Georgian Townhouse in the heart of Fenny Stratford.

*Vast accommodation over 3 floors * Two bedroom self contained with a lounge, study, kitchen and cloakroom *Main house four receptions * Upstairs there are 5 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms* Fantastic garaging and workshop complex *Double garage and storage area *2 distinct garden areas* Substantial parking with private driveway.

Little Brickhill — £695,000

Home Farm is set in a prominent position within the heart of Little Brickhill with approximately 4 acres of paddock land to the rear and boasts:
*Four bedrooms * Listed Farmhouse * Lounge and dining room * *Kitchen/breakfast * Cellar and cloakroom * Five stables *Two workshops which have annexe conversion potential * Rear garden and approximately 4 acres of pasture landing split into 3 paddocks.

Shenley Lodge — £425,000



This six bedroom detached residence is situated in a sought after cul de sac in Shenley Lodge.

*18ft x 17ft kitchen/breakfast * Two further reception rooms *Utility and downstairs shower room *Six bedrooms on the 1st and 2nd floors with en suite and two family bathrooms *Ample off road parking in front of the double garage* Mature garden to rear.

Campbell Park — £315,000

*Four bedroom end of terrace town house
*Double glazing
*Gas to radiator heating
*Kitchen/diner
*Master suite with dressing area, en-suite and balcony
*Gardens
*Garage
*Very good decoration

Loughton — Offer invited £550,000

Enviably located in 'Snaith Crescent' Loughton this property briefly comprises:

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TRADITIONAL SEMI WITH CARPORT £199,995

Boasting a carport and drive this rarely available 3 bedroom 2 storey house is situated in a sought after, West Milton Keynes area. Popular schooling is offered locally. *Part Exchange, it's less hassle* Please note: the main picture is of a similar house.

COUNTRY VIEWS AND SOUTH FACING £375,000

A detached 4 bedroom 2 storey home with 2 en-suites and a study. Offering a kitchen breakfast and separate dining room. Set on a small popular village on the fringe of Salcey Forest. With excellent access to Milton Keynes, Newport Pagnell, Northampton or M1 motorway. If the price is more than your budget, you could defer 25% of it for 10 years and just pay 75% now, with no deposit needed as well.

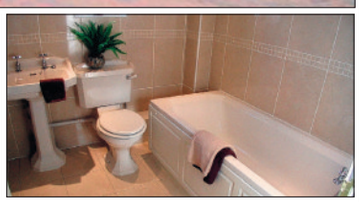
POPULAR LOCATION £145,000

Within this striking Landmark building on the edge of popular Broughton is a range of spacious apartments. With just one left the developer has reduced their prices. Boasting a balcony from its 2nd floor location with far reaching views over Milton Keynes. Accessed via a lift with contemporary communal areas with open land surrounding the building. The accommodation is spacious at over 700 sqft with en-suite from the master, 2 double bedrooms and a curved living room onto balcony. Broughton is ideally located with Kingston centre and M1 junction close by. Key in office.

SPACIOUS 4 BEDROOM SEMI £230,000

A spacious 4 bed semi-detached home with ample parking for 2+ cars on a development of 18 privately owned homes in the heart of Leighton Buzzard, within walking distance of the town centre. Three of the bedrooms are doubles and the master has an en-suite. Ready now, key in office. Now is the time to buy!!

PRESTIGIOUS GATED DEVELOPMENT £675,000



Set behind electric gates on the outskirts of Clapham with countryside front & rear. Just 3 large 5 bedroom homes with spacious plots. The home boasts a fantastic versatile accommodation including 5 reception rooms, & Conservatory. Upstairs 3 of the bedrooms enjoy en-suites. Specification is as you would expect of this price range and the outside has a generous fenced garden with ample driveway for 8 - 10 cars. Located just outside Bedford within the popular Sharnbrook school catchment. The village offers full amenities and is just off the A6. Ready to view, key in office.

20' LOUNGE & SEPARATE KITCHEN £129,995

Within walking distance of the London train service, a brand new spacious first floor 2 bedroom apartment with ensuite and allocated parking. Boasting big rooms and a separate kitchen. There is an en-suite from the master bedroom with both bedrooms of double size. The separate lounge is over 20ft. Ideally located on the South of Milton Keynes.

3 DOUBLE BEDROOMS WITH GARAGE £220,000

This fantastic 3 storey property has the benefit of a garage and 2 parking spaces. A versatile internal layout with a top floor master bedroom incorporating a dressing room and en-suite. The use of big windows to most rooms, offers a light airy feel to the contemporary design. Situated on the east of Milton Keynes, offering excellent access to the M1.

IMPOSING EXECUTIVE HOME £342,995

This L shaped home has all the traditional trappings of a 2 storey home. A 21ft lounge with 2 further reception rooms, spacious kitchen/family with utility, four double bedrooms with en-suites to 2. Dressing area to the master, separate shower in the bathroom and a double garage with generous driveway outside. Set in a popular West Milton Keynes area with sought after schooling, and a local centre a short walk away.

TRADITIONAL 4 BEDROOM DETACHED £279,950

This 4 bed, 2 bath home in our opinion offers everything you would need for a family lifestyle. The Farnham comprises of a 21'9" lounge, separate dining room, kitchen with a utility and a downstairs cloakroom. Upstairs there is a master bedroom with en-suite, 3 further bedrooms and a family bathroom. Outside there is a single garage. Situated on an exclusive development in the East of Milton Keynes.
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* Lounge
* Bathroom
* Garden

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* 5 bedroom
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* En suite
* Off road parking

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* 5 Bedroom Detached * Cloakroom * Lounge
* Dining room * Kitchen/Breakfast Room
* Utility Room * Two En Suites
* Double Garage * Gardens
* We strongly recommend viewing

Old Farm Park £345,000

* Four Bedrooms * Central Heating * Double Glazing
* Separate Reception Rooms * Utility Room
* Study * En-suite to Master * Family Bathroom
* Gardens * Triple Garage

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Bolbeck Park £169,950

* 3 Bedrooms
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* Refitted Kitchen/diner
* Lounge
* Bathroom
* Garden
* Off road parking

Walnut Tree £35,000

* 1 Bedroom
* Studio Flat
* Kitchen
* Bathroom
* Lounge/Bedroom
* Part double glazed

Walton Park £260,000

* 4 Bedrooms
* Detached
* Lounge
* Conservatory
* Kitchen
* Dining room
* Study
* Cloakroom

Crownhill £139,995

* 2 Bedrooms
* End of terrace
* Lounge
* Dining Room
* Kitchen
* Bathroom
* Front & rear gardens
* Off road parking

Oldbrook £49,995

* 10% shared ownership
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* Rear garden

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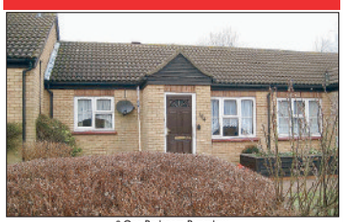

* One Bedroom Bungalow
* Cul-De-Sac Location
* Entrance Hall
* Lounge/Diner
* Kitchen
* Bathroom
* Front & Rear Gardens

Blue Bridge OIEO £115,000

* Two Bedroom Duplex Apartment
* Cul de Sac Location
* Entrance Hall
* Lounge
* Kitchen
* Bathroom
* Communal Gardens
* Garage

Willen £290,000

* 4 Bedrooms
* Kitchen
* Utility room
* Cloakroom
* Dining Room
* Lounge
* Family Bathroom
* En-suite

Monkston £72,000

* Two Bedrooms
* Semi detached
* Lounge/Diner
* Kitchen/Breakfast
* Garden
* Off road parking

Great Holm £239,995

* Four bedroom detached
* Cloakroom & Utility
* Kitchen
* Dining Room
* Lounge
* En suite & Bathroom
* Gardens
* Off road parking & Double garage

Bancroft OIEO £195,000

* Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow
* Entrance Hall
* Lounge
* Dining Room
* Kitchen
* Bathroom
* Garage
* Gardens

Downs Barn Guide Price £130,000

* Two Bedroom Property
* Semi-Detached
* Double Glazing
* Gas Central Heating
* Kitchen/Diner
* Lounge
* Gardens
* Off Road Parking

Great Linford OIEO £275,000

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* Central Heating
* Separate Reception Rooms
* Utility
* En-Suite to Master Bedroom
* Garage
* Gardens
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Two Mile Ash £300,000

* 4 Bedrooms
* Detached property
* Cloakroom
* 3 Reception rooms
* Kitchen/breakfast Room
* Study
* En-suite
* Gardens

Monkston OIEO £175,000

* Three Bedroom Property
* Semi-Detached
* Kitchen
* Lounge
* Conservatory
* En-Suite to Master
* Gardens
* Garage

Fishermead £109,995

* 3 Bedrooms
* Vacant Possession
* Entrance Hall
* Shower Room
* Kitchen
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* Central Heating
* Kitchen/Diner
* Lounge
* Off Road Parking
* Gardens
* Garage

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Emerson Valley £174,995

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* Downstairs Cloakroom
* Kitchen/Diner
* Family Room
* Front & Rear Gardens
* Garage
* Off Road Parking

Grange Farm £184,995

* Three Bedroom Property
* In Our Opinion " Well Presented"
* Seperate Reception Rooms
* Downstairs Cloakroom
* Kitchen
* Master Bedroom with En-Suite
* Front & Rear Gardens
* Garage

Barleyhurst £125,000

* Two Bedrooms
* Mid Terrace
* Entrance Porch
* Lounge
* Kitchen/Diner
* Bathroom
* Gardens
* Allocated Parking

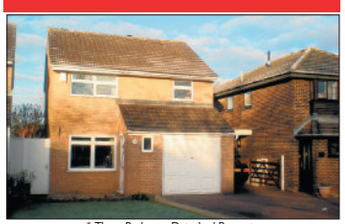
'Rivers' £117,500

* Two Bedrooms
* Terraced Property
* Central Heating
* Lounge
* Kitchen
* Dining Room
* Bathroom
* Gardens

Shenley Brook End £349,995

* Five Bedroom Detached Property
* In Our Opinion Extremely Well Presented
* Utility & Cloakroom
* Kitchen/Breakfast Room
* Master Bedroom with En-Suite
* Jack 'n' Jill En-Suite
* Detached Double Garage
* Unspoilt Open Views to Green

Furzton £169,995



* Three Bedroom Detached Property
* Lounge/Diner
* Kitchen
* Conservatory
* Family Bathroom
* Front & Rear Gardens
* Driveway providing ORP
* Single Garage

Trees Estate £150,000

* Three Bedrooms
* Semi-Detached
* Central Heating
* Lounge
* Kitchen/Diner
* Bathroom
* WC
* Off Road Parking

Eaton Mill £129,995

* Two Bedrooms
* Terraced Property
* Central Heating
* Lounge/Diner
* Separate Kitchen
* Bathroom
* Allocated Parking

Oakhill OIEO £189,995

* Four Bedroom Townhouse
* In Our Opinion "Well Presented"
* Open Plan Living Area
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* Master Bedroom with En-Suite
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Wolverton £110,000

* Two Bedroom
* Victorian Property
* Rear Garden
* Gas Radiator Heating
* Double Glazing (where specified)
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Castlethorpe £52,500

* Well Presented * Two Bedroom
* Semi Detached Home
* New Double Glazing * Gas Radiator Heating
* Off Road Parking * 30% Shared Ownership
* Must Be Viewed!

Old Stratford £119,995

* Two Bedroom
* Second Floor Flat
* Double Glazing
* Gas Radiator Heating
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*Two Bedrooms *End of Terrace
*Lounge/Diner *Kitchen
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New Bradwell O.I.R.O. £245,000

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* Detached Bungalow
* Double Glazing
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* Well Presented
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* No Upper Chain

Stony Stratford £175,000

* Well Presented
* Three Bedroom
* Victorian Style Property
* Gas Radiator Heating
* Refitted Kitchen * Garage
* Must Be Viewed!

Wolverton £190,000

* STAMP DUTY PAID!
* 1930's Style
* Three Bedroom
* Semi Detached Property
* Refitted Family Bathroom
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* Garage * 01908 312623

Stony StratfordOffers Over £199,995

* Well Presented * Three Bedroom
* Link Detached * Refitted Kitchen
* Cloakroom
* Large Garden * No Upper Chain
* Viewing Recommended

Deanshanger O.I.E.O. £155,000

* Very Well Presented
* Spacious Two Bedroom
* Terrace Property
* Two En Suites
* Cloakroom * Off Road Parking
* Must Be Viewed!

Greenleys O.I.E.O £144,995

* Three bedrooms * Semi detached
* Well presented * Refitted bathroom
* Gas to radiator heating * Double glazing
* Front and rear gardens * Single garage
* Off road parking * 01908 312623

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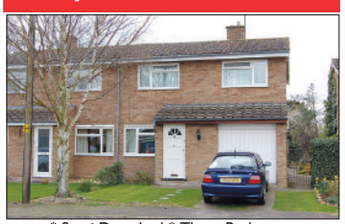

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* Gardens * Integral garage
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* Bungalow * Conservatory
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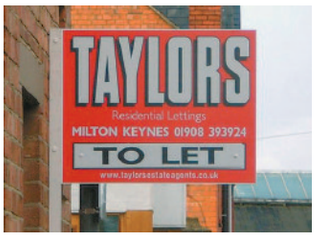

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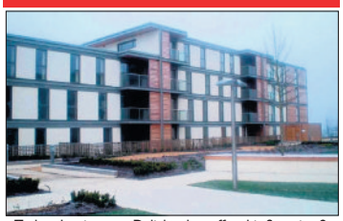

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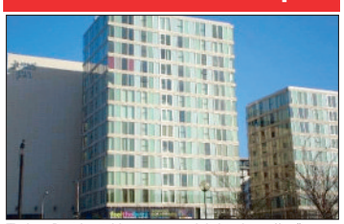

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CONSERVATORY
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TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
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NO ONWARD CHAIN
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HEART OF HARROLD VILLAGE
ALLOCATED PARKING
KITCHEN WITH FITTED APPLIANCES
RECENTLY RE-DECORATED
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NEWTON BLOSSOMVILLE £299,995

NO CHAIN - A MUST TO VIEW
TWO/THREE BEDROOMS, ONE WITH EN SUITE
MEZZANINE FLOOR CURRENTLY USED AS BED THREE
OPEN PLAN LIVING
PRIVATE COURTYARD
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KITCHEN/BREAKFAST ROOM
EN SUITE TO MASTER BEDROOM
REAR GARDEN WITH OUTBUILDING
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CHAPEL CONVERSION
THREE BEDROOMS
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EN SUITE TO MASTER BEDROOM
PHOTO SHOWS WHOLE CHAPEL
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HACKLETON £245,000

FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED
SEPARATE RECEPTION ROOMS
KITCHEN AND UTILITY
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VILLAGE LOCATION
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OLNEY Guide Price £225,000

THREE BEDROOM HOME
EN SUITE TO MASTER BEDROOM
SEPARATE RECEPTION ROOMS
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GARAGE AND GARDENS
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LAVENDON £274,995

THREE BEDROOM COTTAGE
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EN SUITE TO MASTER BEDROOM
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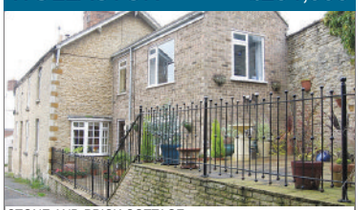

STONE AND BRICK COTTAGE
THREE BEDROOMS
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- Ensuite to master bedroom
- Garage
- Internal viewing highly recommended

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- Off Road Parking
- No Upper Chain

Offers In Region Of: £167,000

Far Bletchley £129,995
- 2 Bedroom End Terrace
- Good Decorative Order
- Conservatory
- Off Road Parking

Simpson £114,995
- Over 55's Warden Controlled
- No Upper Chain
- Communal Gardens
- UPVC Double Glazing

Town Centre £149,995
- 3 Bedroom Terrace
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Short Walk To Local Shops
- Call Now To View !

Poets £174,995
- 2 Bedroom Bungalow
- Good Size Plot
- No Upper Chain
- Keys In Office !

Stoke Hammond £239,995
- 3 bedroom semi detached
- private rear garden
- overlooking fields
- keys in office!

Newton Longville £200,000
- 3 Bedroom Detached
- Needs Modernisation
- No Upper Chain
- Key In Office !

Great Holm £65,000
- 3 Bed End Terrace
- 40% Shared Ownership
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Re-fitted Bathroom

Broughton £99,995
- Ground floor maisonette
- Double bedroom
- kitch with integrated app's
- Ideal first time buy

Beanhill £127,995
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- Three bedrooms
- Garage
- No upper chain

Springfield £139,995
- Three bedrooms
- Cloakroom
- Kitchen/diner
- UPVC double glazing

Bradville OIEO £130,000
- 2 Bedroom Semi Detached
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Garage
- UPVC Double Glazing

Coffee Hall £184,995
- Three bed detached bungalow
- Kitch/brekfst & utility
- Ensuite
- Garage

Bradwell £169,995
- 3 Bedroom Detached
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Cloakroom
- Garage

Tattenhoe £174,995
- 3 Bed Semi Detached
- Refitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Conservatory
- Garage

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- Kitchen/Brekfst & utility
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- Utility
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- Fantastic location

Deanshanger POA
- 2 Bed Bungalow
- Gardens & Parking
- Coutryside Views
- Vacant Possesion

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- Fantastic Town Property
- Lots of Character Features
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Parking & Gardens

Wolverton £139,995
- Lounge/diner
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Front & Rear Gardens
- UPVC Double Glazing

Blue Bridge £129,995
- Lounge with Patio Doors
- Separate Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking

Deanshanger £199,995
- Semi Detached
- 4 Bedrooms
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast room

Deanshanger £175,000
- L-Shaped Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Gas to Radiator Central Heating
- Garage & Parking

Stony Stratford £199,995
- Immaculate 2 Bed
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Off Road Parking

Stony Stratford £249,995
- 4 Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- 3 Bathrooms
- Full Cellar

Deanshanger OIEO £155,000
- Large Living Room
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- 2 Ensuites
- Must Be Seen

Stony Stratford £250,000
- Lounge with Fireplace
- Separate dining room
- 4 bedrooms
- Cul-de-sac location

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- 3/4 Bedrooms
- Ground Floor shower room, Upstairs Bathroom

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- 5/6 Bedrooms (4 Double)
- Large Lounge & Conservatory
- Large Kitchen/Diner
- Annexe Potential

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The special one-off event will commence in the de luxe conference facilities at the Daytona MK kart racing circuit where delegates will be greeted with a light breakfast.

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The special Motorvation day is on Wednesday, March 18 and is designed to inspire staff, build esprit de corps, significantly increase productivity and improve motivation amongst employees.!

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To book contact Daytona Milton Keynes on 0845 644 5503 or visit www.day-tona.co.uk.

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WORK at the new Domino's Pizza commissary at West Ashlands, Milton Keynes, is now well under way with the ground prepared and the building's main steelwork being put into place.

Domino's chief executive, Chris Moore, took the opportunity to bury a time capsule at the new site.

Over 182 people including architects, construction workers, plumbers, glaziers and other skilled craftsmen and labourers will be involved in the £20million project, prior to its completion in mid 2010.

The new commissary was designed by Q2 architects and the lead contractors are the Buckingham Group.

Food service director, Gareth Franks, said: "The new commissary will make a real difference to our operation and ensure that we can make the dough and store and supply all the other raw materials and equipment needed for 500 stores."

The time capsule included a copy of Domino's in-house magazine, Slice, a menu from the Domino's store in Kingston, items of current uniform, merchandise and a copy of the day's Times newspaper.

Present to celebrate the laying of the time capsule were Chris Moore, Domino's chief executive; Gareth Franks, Domino's food service director; Ian Smith, director, Q2 Architects and Paul Richardson, project manager, Buckingham Food Group.

A time capsule is buried at Domino's Pizza's West Ashlands site

City ticks all the boxes for storage firm

EXPANDING off-site business storage specialist Saracen Datastore Ltd has opened its latest records and data management facility at Knowlhill in Milton Keynes.

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Business development manager Jez Tibbett has lived in Milton Keynes since 1982 and runs Saracen's new Knowlhill data centre. He said: "It certainly stacks up financially for us to locate in Milton Keynes. For one third of the cost of similar sites in the south east we've got a high quality facility with great transport links and the potential to expand our client base on our doorstep.

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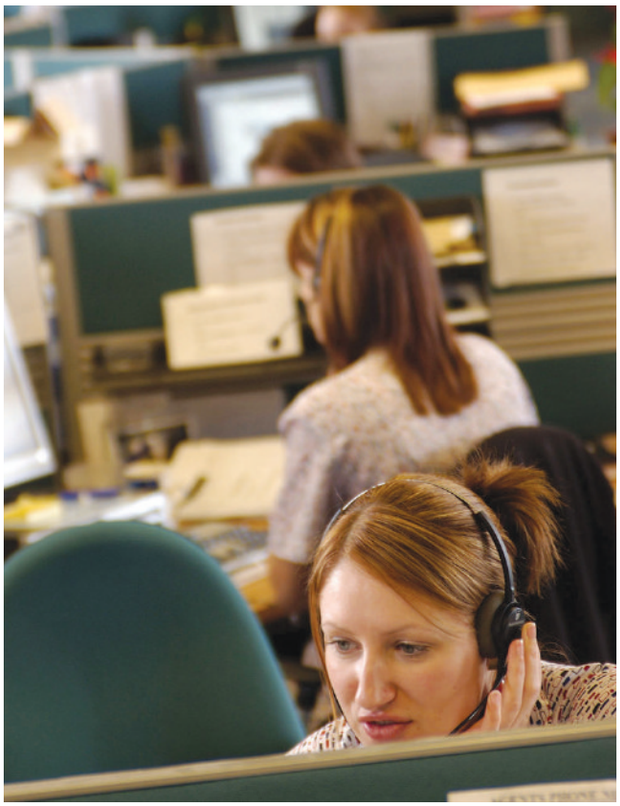

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- 70 per cent of Women with a Science, Engineering or Technology qualification are not actually working in that industry.
- Skills shortages in the UK are matched to the areas where we have difficulty in recruiting women.

MILTON Keynes Women and Work Group, a charity in the MK area, is seeking to influence local policy to improve economic conditions for women in Milton Keynes.

To celebrate International Women's Week, the group is inviting successful local women to attend a symposium on Friday, March 13 from 9.30am to 12pm at Acorn House, Central Milton Keynes.

Avril Francome, head of Women and Work explained: "We are asking successful women to donate a couple of hours as a gift to women for International Women's Week."

As well as being a forum for generating ideas, the morning will include details from the latest research exploring Women's Journey to Sexual Equality (Women and Work's current research publication); the launch of Women and Work's new initiative Women Supporting Women and an opportunity to network with other local successful women.

The event will be supported by Sue Lickorish of Infusion Coaching & Development who has kindly donated her time.

The confirmed attendees include Leader of MK Council, Cllr Isobel McCall and the mayor of Milton Keynes Cllr Jan Lloyd.

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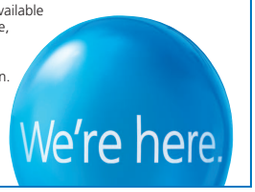

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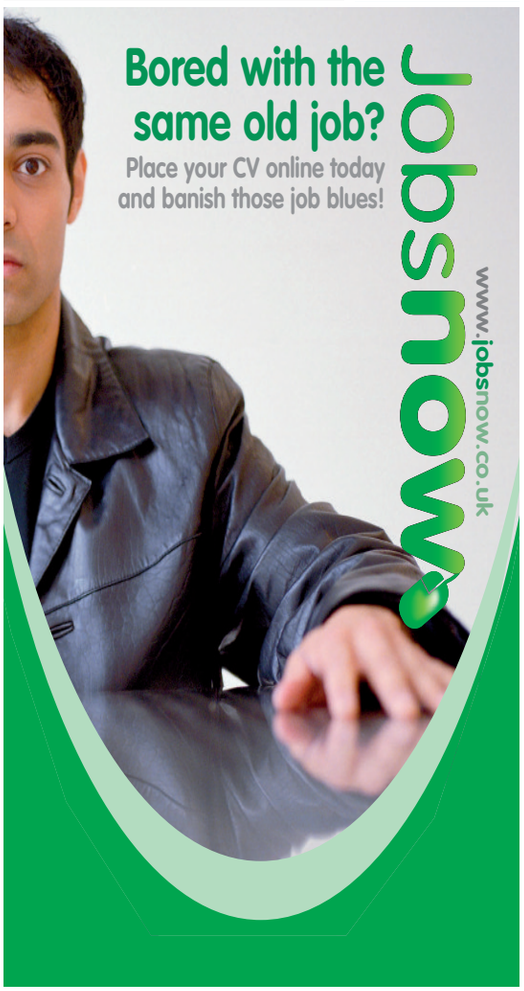

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August

9	Leicester	A	0-2
12	Norwich (CC)	H	1-0
16	Northampton	H	1-0
23	Huddersfield	A	3-1
26	Cardiff (CC)	A	1-2
30	Swindon	H	1-2

September

6	Yeovil	H	3-0
13	Oldham	A	0-2
20	Colchester	A	3-0
27	Peterborough	H	1-2

October

4	Millwall	A	4-0
7	Bournemouth JPT	H	0-1
11	Carlisle	H	3-1
18	Crewe	A	1-1
21	Stockport	H	1-2
25	Cheltenham	H	3-1
28	Leyton Orient	A	2-1

November

1	Tranmere	H	1-0
8	Bradford (FAC)	H	1-2
15	Hartlepool	A	3-1
22	Walsall	A	3-0
25	Hereford	H	3-0

December

6	Scunthorpe	H	0-2
12	Brighton	A	4-2
20	Leeds	H	3-1
26	Bristol Rovers	A	2-1
28	Southend	H	2-0

January

12	Colchester	H	1-1
17	Carlisle	A	2-3
20	Peterborough	A	0-0
27	Leyton Orient	H	1-2
31	Cheltenham	A	5-3

February

3	Stockport	A	1-0
14	Hartlepool	H	
21	Tranmere	A	
28	Leicester	H	

March

3	Northampton	A
7	Swindon	A
10	Huddersfield	H
14	Oldham	H
17	Millwall	H
21	Yeovil	A
24	Crewe	H
28	Leeds	A

April

4	Brighton	H
10	Southend	A
13	Bristol Rovers	H
18	Scunthorpe	A
25	Walsall	H

May

2	Hereford	A

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Above: Ian Navarro and Dean Lewington
Left: Aaron Wilbraham and Sam Baldock quick off the mark during training

Backlog could turn March into a slog

BY SIMONE CORGAN
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A BACKLOG of fixtures now await MK Dons following the postponement of their game against Crewe at the weekend.

They now have eight games scheduled for March after the Crewe match was rearranged for the 24th of the same month.

March starts with a tricky away match at neighbours Northampton and finishes with a tough visit to Elland Road to face play-off chasing Leeds.

But rather than moan about the potential burn out for his players boss Roberto Di Matteo accepts his side need to get their heads down and carry on their promotion charge.

He said: "We tried to play the game as soon as possible but Crewe couldn't do it before then, it was impossible.

"I'm not concerned, at the end of the day it's more or less the same for everyone but it's not ideal.

"The clubs with bigger squads have a better chance, hopefully if we don't have too many injuries we could be lucky."

Not only has the weather cancelled one of their games, it has also interrupted training sessions.

The team have been unable to train on their Woughton on the Green pitch instead they have been forced to move to the indoor facilities at the training site.

Di Matteo said: "It's caused us quite a lot of disruption, we've been training in the dome which is not the best solution for the players but I guess it's nature, there's not much you can do about nature.

"Last week quite a few players couldn't make it to training, some were completely snowed in. So we had a disrupted week, this week has been a bit better.

"Last time we had a little break it wasn't the best for us and also you get into a rhythm and you just want to carry on that rhythm and the positive momentum but we can't change it."

One of those key to the rhythm has been Aaron Wilbraham having netted seven times in six games.

But the striker is suspended for the weekend's League One fixture with Hartlepool leaving Di Matteo limited to a strike force of Ali Gerba, Sam Baldock and Tore Andre Flo.

He added: "He's been in fantastic shape so we'll be missing him but we've got some good fire power up front so hopefully the other guys will make up for it."

■ YESTERDAY Roberto Di Matteo spoke of his fondness for Chelsea fans but reiterated his desire to succeed with MK Dons.

The Dons manager had been linked to the role of Chelsea boss following the dismissal of Luiz Felipe Scolari.

The speculation came after a fan's banner called for the appointment of the former Blues favourite.

It read 'Scolari out, Chelsea legends Zola/Di Matteo in'.

But the Italian dismissed any rumours concerning a return to Stamford Bridge.

He said: "It's flattering obviously that the fans remember you in good terms and that's it.

"There's a lot I have to do here, that I want to do here. I will always have a good relationship with the fans, so it's good. My ambition is to be successful wherever I am."

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

		HOME					AWAY						
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Leicester	30	11	4	1	29	9	9	4	1	29	14	35	68
2	**MK Dons**	**29**	**8**	**1**	**5**	**24**	**14**	**10**	**2**	**3**	**34**	**18**	**26**	**57**
3	Scunthorpe	28	8	3	2	28	16	8	2	5	24	20	16	53
4	Peterborough	28	9	4	1	29	13	5	4	5	22	23	15	50
5	Oldham	30	8	6	1	29	13	5	5	5	18	23	11	50
6	Millwall	27	9	3	2	19	12	6	2	5	18	18	7	50
7	Leeds	29	9	2	4	30	17	6	1	7	18	18	13	48
8	Stockport	29	6	4	5	23	18	6	4	4	21	15	11	44
9	Tranmere	28	10	2	3	28	15	3	3	7	12	19	6	44
10	Huddersfield	30	7	5	4	23	19	5	3	6	17	24	-3	44
11	Colchester	28	5	3	6	16	15	7	3	4	27	24	4	42
12	Walsall	29	7	1	6	22	23	3	5	7	18	22	-5	36
13	Hartlepool	29	6	6	3	32	25	3	2	9	11	22	-4	35
14	Southend	28	7	2	4	15	11	2	5	8	17	33	-12	34
15	Bristol Rovers	27	6	3	4	26	18	2	6	6	19	24	3	33
16	Northampton	28	6	6	3	23	14	2	3	8	16	24	1	33
17	Yeovil	28	3	6	5	15	19	5	3	6	11	18	-11	33
18	Carlisle	28	7	1	5	25	19	2	4	9	12	27	-9	32
19	Swindon	27	4	4	6	22	26	2	6	5	17	21	-8	28
20	Brighton	27	3	4	6	17	22	3	6	5	14	17	-8	28
21	Leyton Orient	30	2	4	8	11	20	4	5	7	12	19	-16	27
22	Crewe	27	5	2	6	18	24	1	2	11	16	35	-25	22
23	Hereford	27	4	4	5	17	13	1	2	11	7	30	-19	21
24	Cheltenham	27	4	4	6	21	28	1	2	10	13	34	-28	21

Not including last night's games

PREVIEW

HARTLEPOOL UNITED

League One
Saturday, February 14
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A ST VALENTINE'S DAY date with Hartlepool United awaits the Dons.

It will be the Dons' first fixture in eleven days after their game against Crewe fell foul of the weather.

Roberto Di Matteo's side are looking to strengthen their grip on automatic promotion following back-to-back victories for the first time since December.

And the Dons will have to do so without their top-goal scorer Aaron Wilbraham.

The 12-goal striker has totalled five yellow cards so sits out the tie at stadiummk.

But Pools have also been hit with suspension and will be without first-team regulars Benjamin Clark and Matthew Robson. They have hit a mixed patch of form recently and are looking for their first win in five this Saturday.

VIEW FROM THE MOOCAMP

AARON Wilbraham was pipped to the League One Player of the Month by Matt Oakley.

The striker was nominated for the January gong following superb form that saw him score six times in five games.

The 29-year-old is now the top scorer for the Dons with 12 goals, but Leicester City skipper Oakley picked up the award for leading his side to four wins and a draw while he also chipped in with a goal.

ACADEMY starlet Daniel Powell has been nominated for the Championship Manager Young Apprentice of the Year for the 2009 Football League Awards.

The 17-year-old has been a key man for Mike Dove's under-18 side and has also broken into the first team this season.

He became the youngest ever goal scorer for the Dons when he found the net on his debut against Hartlepool United.

Players nominated for the award are in the second year of their apprenticeship at a Football League club.

They were judged on criteria such as their playing record in all competitions since they became an apprentice, their educational attainment, disciplinary record and any other outstanding achievements.

The short list was judged by an expert panel, containing representatives from The Football League, Championship Manager, The PFA, League Football Education and John Motson and Steve Claridge from BBC Radio Five Live.

Powell is nominated alongside Carlisle's Tom Aldred and Southend United's Stuart O'Keefe.

The winner will be announced at the Football League Awards ceremony on Sunday, March 29.

MK Dons tried to sign Dany N'Guessan from Lincoln City but failed with two bids.

Imps manager Peter Jackson revealed they rejected bids from the Dons during the January transfer window for the winger.

And to avoid further interest in the summer Jackson is now hoping the highly rated 21-year-old will renew his contract.

Jackson said: "We turned two really good offers down for Dany N'Guessan from MK Dons, so we're not a selling club.

"It could have been the easy option to have taken the money, and to have that money in the bank but we didn't."

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Win-lose show goes on

ICE HOCKEY

MK LIGHTNING 5
SWINDON WILDCATS 1

ROMFORD RAIDERS 3
MK LIGHTNING 1

Nick Poole leaves Swindon defenders down and out as he fires in during the second period

Pic Jez Tibbetts

ANDRE Smulter starred as Lightning's inconsistent streak continued.

MK Lightning's results have taken a win one, lose one pattern for the past three weeks.

And this weekend, when there was more ice in the car parks than in the rinks, was no different with an impressive win against Swindon Wildcats and then they were beaten by Romford Raiders.

Lightning's weekend started on a high note with a dominant performance at Planet Ice resulting in two points.

The first score in the game came when Lukas Zatopek found the net on 17.15minutes with Joakim Wiklander and Gary Clarke assisting on a power play.

It was in the second period that Lightning took a hold of the game with Nick Poole adding a second goal five minutes in.

Three minutes later Lee Richardson posted a response for Swindon but it would turn out to be their only goal of the game.

On 35.54 Smulter added his name to the scoreboard before giving Lightning a 4-1 lead with his second a minute before the break.

Michael Wales, who had set up both Smulter's goals, assisted his third midway through the final period to seal a 5-1 win.

The hat-trick earned Smulter the man of the match accolade.

Unfortunately, for Lightning the form couldn't continue as they suffered a shock defeat to Romford Raiders the following day.

Romford are currently second from bottom in the English Premier League while Lightning are flying high in third.

Raiders scored early to put the home side on the front foot until Poole pulled his side back on level terms, with Wales and Smulter playing a hand in the first period equaliser. The sides were inseparable in the second but Romford finished strong in the third with two late goals to deny Lightning a four point weekend.

■ LIGHTNING host Telford Tigers tomorrow (Thursday) night, face-off 7.45pm, on Saturday they travel to Wightlink Raiders, 5.30pm, and Sunday they are away to Swindon Wildcats, face-off 6pm.

Coach blasts 'poor' Lions

BASKETBALL

NEWCASTLE EAGLES 88
Moore 21, Bridge 16, Toney 15

MK LIONS 72
New/Obazuaye 17, Eddie 16

MK LIONS 91
Spinks 23, Eddie 18, Obazuaye 12

WORTHING THUNDER 79
Ivanovskis 31, Woods 16, Patton 16

LIONS coach Vince Macaulay dubbed his side 'unprofessional' following defeat at the hands of Newcastle Eagles.

The 16-point loss left Macaulay less than impressed after his big name players failed to put in a performance.

After the game the boss fumed: "That's not a Lions display and I shall let the guys know. I would love to say the Eagles had us shackled but I would be lying, we were just poor and unprofessional."

Lions recovered from their poor showing to beat Worthing Thunder 48 hours later at Bletchley Leisure Centre.

MK had battled their way through the snow to make their fixture at Newcastle but just after tip-off they must have been wishing they hadn't bothered.

Eagles started with nine unanswered points before adding another 12 while the Lions could only post two.

At the end of the first quarter the Eagles led 28-13.

It was in the second that the Lions started to come into the game with Tommie Eddie firing eight points and a 9-2 burst closing the deficit to 40-35.

But the wheels came off again when the Eagles re-started with ten points forcing Macaulay to call a time out.

Both sides traded baskets for the remainder of the period, and the Lions still trailed 61-49.

Eagles finally confirmed the victory when they held their biggest lead of the game, 81-60, which was far too great for Lions to turn around.

Sunday's performance was better with Eddie, Dru Spinks and Jayson Obazuaye netting as the Lions opened a 23-13 cushion against Thunder.

A three from Spinks and two from Yorick Williams in the second saw Lions stretch their advantage to 49-37.

The visitors were able to claw back points in the third through a number of Ryan Patton free-throws but Lions still had the edge.

And Thunder were unable to mount a comeback as Greg Harvey and Williams nailed threes.

Robert Youngblood and Mike New played their part in an 11-0 run which sealed the victory.

A happier Macaualay said: "Every win is precious at this stage of the season. We're just concentrating on what is in front of us, it is still far too early to be thinking about the play-offs."

■ ON Friday Lions host Sheffield Sharks at Bletchley Leisure Centre, tip-off 7.30pm, and on Saturday they travel to Worcester Wolves, tip-off is at 7pm.

Emms out to inspire youngsters

Donna Kellog

Nathan Robertson

BADMINTON

AS the European Team Championships got under way yesterday (Tuesday) Badminton England Ambassador Gail Emms spoke of her commitment to make the sport more popular.

Emms, who retired from badminton following the Beijing Olympics, is thriving in her new role at the headquarters in Milton Keynes and has vowed to inspire youngsters to success.

The Olympic silver medallist spoke exclusively to MK NEWS and backed the England team to succeed in this week's tournament in Liverpool.

Last night England were in action against the Czech Republic and today they will face Wales, but it is competition favourites Denmark they have set their sights on.

Emms, who is also coaching as part of her new job, believes England have a squad good enough to win.

She said: "We've got internationals players who have been there and done it, they've got all that experience.

And we've also got young players, 18, 19 and 20-year-olds. We've got Jenny Wallwork who's playing with Nathan Roberts now, so hopefully we've got a great mix of youth and experience that will push Denmark all the way."

MK-based Donna Kellogg and Nathan Robertson, who both partnered Emms, will feature in the Team Championships.

But Emms is targeting the younger generation to get involved, especially as London 2012 is just around the corner.

Emms added: "We have the best facility here in Milton Keynes as a player, we're spoilt. I've seen what other sports, their national teams have had to train in.

"We've got eight world class courts, we've got gym facilities, all the strength and conditioning equipment, plunge pool, medical services, canteen, a lodge for players that don't live here. It is amazing, we've got top level coaches as well. It's the best facility in the country and it's here in Milton Keynes.

"Everyone should be here using it, you can be playing on the same courts that the England team are playing on, if that's not an incentive I don't know what is."

■ Log-on to www.mk-news.co.uk for all the latest on the European Team Championship.

SPORTSSHORTS

White-out wipe-out

THE winter weather caused chaos to the local football fixtures at the weekend.

The following fixtures were all postponed in the Molten Spartan South Midlands league.

Stony Stratford Town v London Colney, New Bradwell St Peter v Kings Langley, Buckingham Athletic v Brache Sparta, Kent Athletic v Mursley United and AFC Dunstable v Old Bradwell United.

Newport Pagnell's United Counties fixture with Stewarts & Lloyds Corby was also cancelled due to snow on the pitch.

Sprinter stranded

SPRINTER Craig Pickering had his plans to retain the Sparkassen Cup 60 meters title scuppered by the snow.

The Marshall Milton Keynes Athletics Club member was due to run in Stuttgart at the weekend.

Instead he was left stranded in the UK after weather conditions prevented Pickering from flying out of London.

His forced withdrawal comes at a bad time for Pickering who is set to race against Dwain Chambers this weekend.

The Indoor trails take place in Sheffield as athletes look to book their spot in next month's next month's European Indoor Championships.

In Flanders fields

SHENLEY Brook End student Cameron Prentice played his part for England Academy Korfball Team in their recent 8-8 draw against Flanders, the Belgian champions.

Cameron started playing for his school team in September 2007 and is now also a key player with the MKX U16 who finished sixth in the National Championships last month.

MKX, who are looking for new players, train Thursdays at 5pm at MK College, Bletchley and Fridays at 5pm at Oakgrove Leisure Centre.

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Jenny Wallwork stepping into Emms' shoes
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Leven signs

PETER Leven has signed a new contract with MK Dons to keep him at stadiummk until 2011.

MK NEWS understands the midfielder put pen to paper yesterday to end speculation about his future at the club.

The former Rangers player has reportedly caught the eye of a number of Championship clubs in recent months.

Leven, currently sidelined through injury, joined the Dons from Chesterfield last year and fans feared he would leave the Dons in the summer on a free.

But Roberto Di Matteo acted quickly to secure his services until at least June 2011.

Leven joins Sean O'Hanlon, Aaron Wilbraham, Willy Gueret and Jude Stirling in the list of players to sign new deals in recent months.

You beauty! Red Bull unveil their 'new rules' RB5

BY SIMONE CORGAN
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Meet the Adrian Newey-designed RB5 which was unveiled in Spain on Monday.

There is no doubt Red Bull Racing have created a beautiful model to comply with new Formula One rules.

The MK-born car has been crafted not just to be easy on the eye but it is expected to challenge for podium finishes more often.

Sebastian Vettel was the first to take the RB5 out for a spin on the Jerez track although his session was cut short as a precaution due to concerns with the gearbox.

Nevertheless, the young German driver seemed pleased with the brand new machine.

Vettel said: "It's good to be back in a racing car again and I feel as though we are on the way to Australia now. It was a strange feeling when I looked in my mirrors, as you don't see anything behind you, no wings or other bits. All you see is the rear tyres and it looks very naked. The view from the front is different too, because of the shape of the nose, but I'll get used to it very quickly."

The new design elements include a top to the chassis in front of the cockpit as part of the aerodynamic package.

Formula one is introducing Kinetic Energy Recovery Systems (KERS) and slick tyres will be re-introduced after 11 years.

Every rule has had an impact on how chief technical officer Newey crafted the RB5, he said: "2009 arguably sees the biggest rule change for around 20 years.

"We have taken a clean sheet looking at the implications of these rules and how to interpret them while not changing things simply for the sake of change.

"Apart from the gearbox internals, there is hardly any carry over from RB4."

One man desperate to get on the track is Vettel's team mate Mark Webber.

The Aussie suffered a fractured leg in November and is set to test the car today for the first time.

He said: "Wednesday's run will be as much a test for me as for the car, as it will be my first go in an F1 car since I broke my leg. My fitness programme is bang-on course for Melbourne and this test is a stepping stone on the way to being fighting-fit for my home race.

"The car looks fantastic and I'm looking forward to driving it."

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